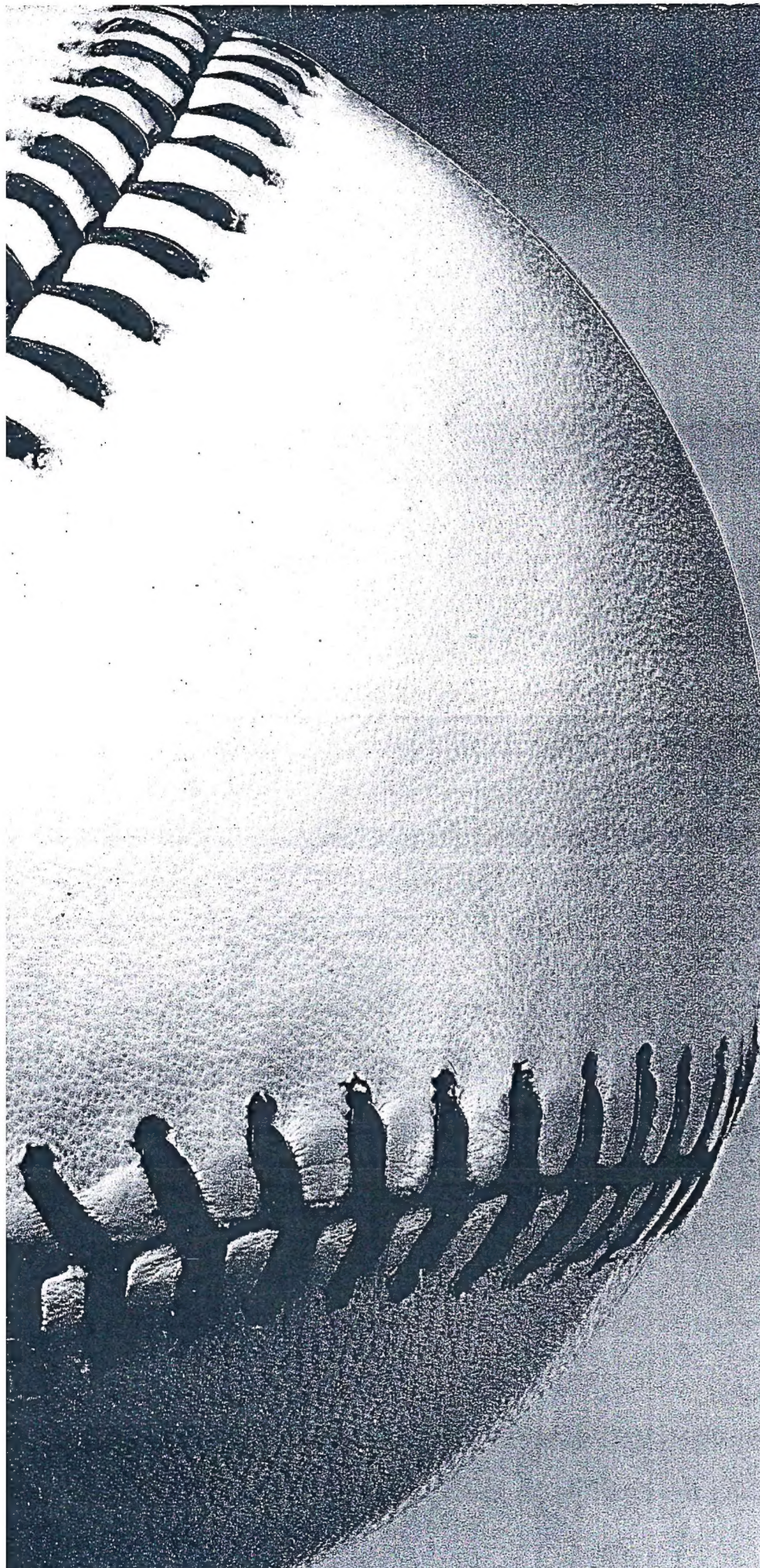


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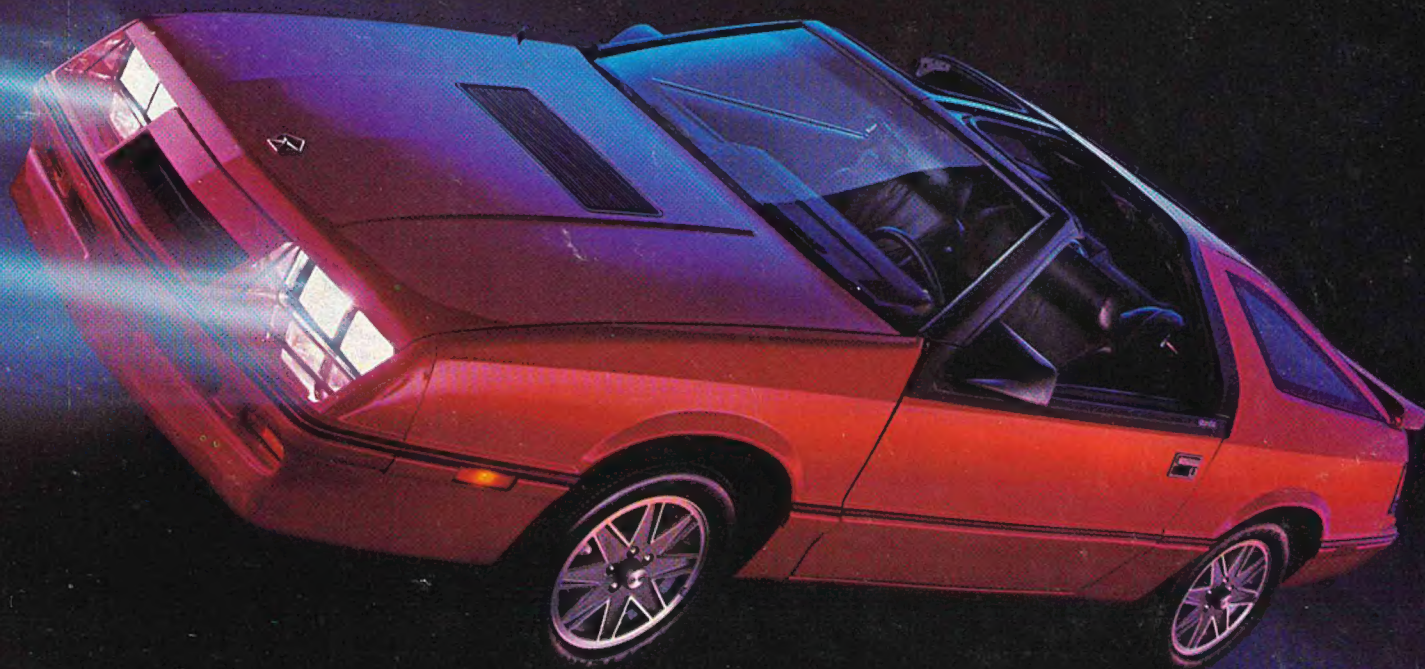
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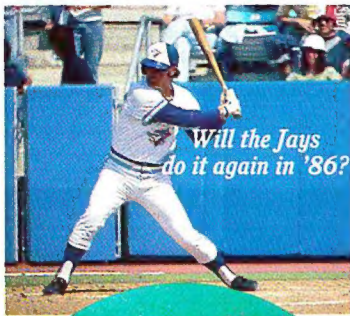
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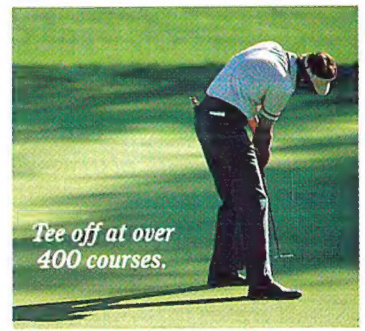
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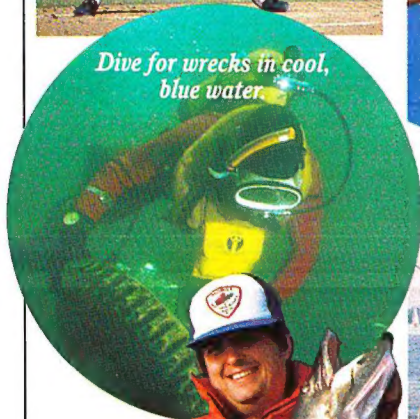
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**Thirteen years ago the Blue Jays were just a gleam in the eyes of a few politicians and businessmen. But their dreams, a lot of hard work and a few lucky breaks, was enough to bring major league baseball to Toronto.**

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It all started at a football game — the Grey Cup Game with Ottawa and Edmonton in 1973, played at Exhibition Stadium. Metro Chairman Paul Godfrey and Ontario Premier William Davis were standing in the centre of the field, waiting for Governor General Roland Michener to take part in the ceremonial kickoff. Godfrey leaned over to Davis, in front of 36,653 unknowing football fans, and whispered: "I think we should build a baseball stadium. Right here."

"Home plate could be right over there," said Godfrey, as he gestured vaguely toward the west, "and if we build new stands here" — he gestured toward the south — "we're standing right now in the middle of centre field."

Godfrey was that day, as he always was, selling. Selling Metro, selling his dreams. Davis, however, was not quite buying. He said only that he'd talk with his colleagues in the Provincial Cabinet about a cost-sharing deal, provided Godfrey could come up with half the money from a penny-pinching Metro Toronto Council.

Godfrey, despite Davis' apparent uncertainty, knew a hooked fish when he saw one. Within months he had persuaded his Council to put up its half of the projected \$15 million cost of renovations that would provide what he optimistically called 55,000 seats for baseball, and the Province agreed to a complex financing deal. When the work was complete, there were 55,000 seats all right, but they weren't all suitable for baseball. And the cost had climbed another \$3 million, as Godfrey had always suspected it would.

But no one was counting. Everyone — well, almost every-

one — was swept up in the search for a team that would bring baseball back to town for the first time since the International League Toronto Maple Leafs had deserted their few remaining fans for Louisville in 1967.

For Godfrey, the dream had begun years earlier when, as a

young elected official in North York, he had been part of a group called Mission Metrodome. Their aim in life was to build a domed stadium for Metro, then find a major league team to play in it. That plan had failed, since over-cautious investors couldn't think of many good reasons to put up \$50 million for a stadium without a team. As newly-elected Chairman, however, Godfrey had the clout to put together the financing for the deal at the Exhibition. But when that deal was done, he still faced the embarrassing fact that no one was exactly beating down the doors to get baseball back in town.

There had been nibbles, to be sure. A fellow called John Alevisos, who had some part in the ownership of the Boston Red Sox, had an elaborate plan to bring the Cleveland Indians to Toronto, and that endeavor took up valuable months of activity before all hands realized it would never come to fruition. In fact, more time and energy was put into work on the new stadium than in finding a tenant for it. Bill Hodgson, then the owner of the Toronto Argonauts, was not a man about to accept compromises, and certainly not architectural compromises that would have meant better baseball accommoda-

tions at some slight expense to football. It was Hodgson, for instance, who was responsible for the bench seating, arguing that the few extra bottoms that could be squeezed into the benches, as opposed to real chairs, meant vital income to the Argos.

While arguments about that issue (and others) raged, Godfrey was trying to squeeze extra moments from his time to get together at every opportunity with the lords of baseball.





"We were like Fuller Brush men," Godfrey recalled. "Every time two or more baseball men got together, we were there, with a shine on our shoes and a stack of pamphlets telling baseball why it should be in Toronto."

Godfrey, through all those early excursions and later as it became evident that baseball really was coming around to his way of thinking, was accompanied by his assistant, Ray Biggart. And Biggart was usually accompanied by a huge model of the new

stadium, almost five feet by five feet and weighing close to a hundred pounds. Biggart hauled it off and on airplanes, in and out of cabs, and through hotel room doors. Between sales trips, the model was often kept at Biggart's house, on the living room floor.

"We always thought that even if we never got a team," Biggart recalls, "at least my kids got to play with the most expensive set of building blocks in town."

And expensive they were. Going through 1974 and into 1975, that model represented an \$18 million investment, and still no tenant emerged. Late in 1974, though, a new player came on the scene. The Labatt breweries, worried about a declining market share that was being picked up by others, decided baseball was the ticket to their solution. Aided by hockey lawyer Alan Eagleson and a backup of marketing and financial experts, Labatt's President Don McDougall was the strong leader of the team.

McDougall was not deterred by the fact that he knew next to nothing about baseball. "In fact," he remembers, "I went to one World Series that was played in Los Angeles. So when the next World Series came around, I asked my secretary to book me a hotel room again in Los Angeles. When she told me the Dodgers weren't in the World Series I didn't know what she was trying to say to me. I thought they always played the World Series in Los Angeles."

Despite all that, Godfrey says McDougall was the key man. "Without Don, without his personality, his energy, his business style, I doubt that baseball for Toronto would have happened," Godfrey says.

McDougall, a bouncy, twinkly-eyed man, had risen from beer salesman to president in about a dozen years. He wasn't going to let the fact that apparently no one in baseball wanted to come to Toronto stand in his way. Along with Godfrey and his team, McDougall and the Labatt's crew began odysseys across North America that would have tired an airline pilot.

Midnight jaunts in the Labatt's plane to faraway cities weren't uncommon, even if the only aim was to show the Toronto flag at a meeting in Kansas City of the American League Rules Committee. Atten-



tion, however, soon turned to the National League. The San Francisco Giants, headed by aging owner Horace Stoneham, were in trouble. Attendance was dreadful, the ball park was worse, and Stoneham was at constant war with the city fathers in Frisco.

A series of negotiations throughout late 1975 to bring the Giants to Toronto were kept as secret as the plans for the Normandy invasion. Stoneham, although in absolute charge of the Giants, had some shares of

his company in public hands. He was paranoid not only about public reaction if his plans to sell should become known but about significant trouble from American regulatory agencies, not to mention the City of San Francisco. For Stoneham, a sale to Toronto meant the end of his troubles. For Don McDougall and Paul Godfrey, it meant triumph.

In early January, 1976, as Godfrey's staff was preparing for a press conference to announce the move of the Giants to Toronto, a Honolulu television station broke the story.

All hands lied. "I don't know anything about this," McDougall said. "Giants?" asked Godfrey. "What Giants?"

Afflicted as they had been by Stoneham's need for secrecy, the red faces of the two men were overcome by face-splitting grins as they announced at a press conference the very next day that the Giants were indeed coming to Toronto. A party to end all parties took place that night in the Holiday Inn behind Toronto City Hall. Baseball caps with the new Toronto Giants logo hurriedly sewn on were worn like laurel wreaths.

The party ended sooner than anyone had expected.

George Moscone, in his first day in office as Mayor of San Francisco, threw lawsuits around like dollar chips in Las Vegas. Chub Feeney, the President of the National League, came out for the Mayor, and against his old friend, Giants' owner Stoneham. To some observers, Feeney's motive for blocking the move was not hard to figure out: he owned a house in San Francisco, where he had been able to stay as long as the National League had a team in that city. Should Frisco lose the Giants, Feeney would have to move to New York.

California Judge John Benson, no doubt realizing that he had more voters on the shores of the Pacific than he did on the shores of Toronto Harbour, issued an injunction forbidding the move. Giants star pitcher John Montefusco, the National League Rookie of the Year in 1975 who had vowed to quit baseball rather than move to Toronto, unpacked and started getting ready for spring training. But what had appeared to be a death blow from the National





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League soon turned out to be almost a death embrace, as the Nationals discovered a new-found love for Toronto — as soon as the American League began its own courtship.

The courtship, unknown to anyone in Toronto, had really begun several years earlier, when the American League had expanded to put teams into Kansas City and Seattle. The Royals prospered under owner Ewing Kauffman, but the ill-fated Seattle Pilots, with the worst attendance record in both leagues, lasted only a year before moving to Milwaukee, where they became the Brewers. The City of Seattle and neighbouring King County sued the American League over the desertion of their team.

And they had a point. Based on their expectation that the American League would be in Seattle for a long time, they had begun construction of the massive Kingdome, and they certainly needed a baseball tenant to help it pay its way.

As that court case dragged on, Toronto's efforts were aided by allies within the American League. Bud Selig, owner of the Brewers, was one. But a key ally was an unknown woman named Muriel Kauffman, wife of Kansas City Royals' owner Ewing Kauffman.

It was not chance that Mrs. Kauffman was an ally. She was a Torontonian and had gone to Queen Victoria Public School and Parkdale Collegiate, both a long fly ball away from Exhibition Stadium. Behind the scenes, she cajoled and schemed, but most of all provided information — with the blessing of her husband.

"She was," Don McDougall recounted later, "constantly in touch with us. She was our secret friend."

So it was not through extra-sensory perception that the entire Toronto contingent was on hand at the Tampa Airport Host Hotel on March 20, 1976. The occasion was ostensibly an attempt by both major leagues to iron out labour relations problems that had brought about a halt to spring training that year. But the American League members knew that they faced a deadline from a Seattle judge to place a team back in Seattle or take their chances on a jury.

So during a break in the labour relations discussions, they convened themselves into a special American League meeting, and only a few minutes later told their startled National League cohorts that they were expanding the following season with teams in Seattle — and Toronto.

National League members were astounded, or at least that's what they said. Led by Feeney only months earlier, they had implicitly rejected any move to Toronto. Now they scrambled to bring Toronto into the National League fold. It be-

came a scenario that could have been scripted by the Marx Brothers.

The Nationals needed, under their constitution, a unanimous vote of all their members to allow expansion. They couldn't get it. Cincinnati and Philadelphia refused to even consider the matter. So did the story end there? Not on your life.

Spurred by the expectation of a National League rivalry between Toronto and the seven-year-old Montreal team, the Nationals asked Commissioner of Baseball Bowie Kuhn to intervene. Unable to reach their own decision, the NL owners asked Kuhn to put National League teams in Toronto and Washington, and suggested that the American League could find another city to expand to, apart from Seattle. A telegram to Kuhn (those were the days when you could still send telegrams) was signed by League President Feeney, and said that all the NL suggestions should be adopted by Kuhn because they should be seen "in the best interests of baseball."

That same evening, Feeney met Biggart from Godfrey's office and said that Toronto should be so happy to be in the National League that it should pay \$10 million for the franchise — \$3 million more than the American League was asking. Apart from that generosity, Feeney said that neither league needed what he called a cold-weather city, and that he didn't want the National League in Toronto anyway, despite what 10 of his 12 owners had said.

Kuhn took the middle road. He ordered the American League to consider what he said was its long-standing commitment to provide baseball for Washington, D.C., but he also told the National League to get its act together. Two weeks later, the Nationals met in Chicago, and still could not reach the required unanimous vote. Kuhn, still without anyone willing to finance a Washington franchise anyway, bowed out of the fray. He rejected the National League's request for further intervention, and opted for the American League plan for expansion. So Toronto had baseball and there was rejoicing.

Among the few critics was Alderman Colin Vaughan, now a Toronto television news reporter. Vaughan had earlier tried and failed to get Metro Council to censure Godfrey for spending a grand

total of \$13,000 of taxpayers' money in his efforts to get major league baseball for Toronto.

Now, said Alderman Vaughan, "This team will be a seven-day wonder." So many people in Toronto own cottages, he said, that they all go away for summer weekends and won't go to baseball games. "Before it's over," Vaughan solemnly predicted, "the franchise will ask for more help." Not that it ever had. And he said, "We'll have to subsidize our team even further."





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Undaunted by all this, McDougall and company began the first steps toward building a major league baseball team. Its first acquisition was not a player, but a Chartered Accountant. Paul Beeston, then 31, had majored at the University of Western Ontario in economics and political science, and had become an accountant because he saw that profession as a road to better things. Even at his early age, he was being touted as major promotion material at Coopers and Lybrand, one of the big accountancy firms of the world. But he had been to a few baseball games and knew the jargon, and by chance was a friend of a friend of McDougall. Apart from his obvious business ability, knowing about baseball was enough of an asset that he became, after a secretary, the Toronto team's first employee.

The second one was harder to find. Toronto needed a chief executive with baseball experience, yet young enough to take the lumps that would surely be inflicted on anyone at the helm of an expansion team. A lengthy search was conducted by McDougall and Gerry Snyder, who had brought baseball to Montreal on the basis of a single letter from that City's Mayor Jean Drapeau and later became an ally of the Toronto effort. They settled on Peter Bavasi, son of the legendary Buzzie, who then was President of the San Diego Padres. The younger Bavasi had served an apprenticeship in baseball after finishing college. He had started as business manager of a Dodgers farm team in New Mexico, and by the age of 33, when the Toronto offer arrived, had become vice-president and general manager of his father's San Diego team.

Bavasi, strikingly handsome and sometimes charming, was a great one for rules. He once ordered that all players on the road trips had to wear jackets and ties, then turned up for a bus trip one day in jeans. (They were, he protested, "designer jeans!") He also authored a rule book that required all Blue Jay employees to stand with their right hand over their hearts when the national anthems were played, hardly a Canadian tradition.

But he was a great marketing man, and a great judge of front office talent. His arguably worst mistake was vetoing a trade suggestion (rookie Ron Guidry for veteran Bill Singer) made by his new vice-president of player personnel Pat Gillick. Gillick, 38 when hired by the Blue Jays, had graduated from the University of Southern California when he was only 19. He had also been a superior southpaw pitcher with a reputation for an encyclopedic memory.

"Gillick," a colleague would later recall, "sat most mornings in the hotel lobby reading the paper back to front. He'd even read telephone directories, just so he could find out what was important to the local people. And he'd remember every single fact he'd ever read."

That memory plainly became important later as trades were discussed, and obscure minor-leaguers were involved in them. At the time, though, Gillick was still only part of a burgeoning organization. At its head was a new Board of Directors, with Montreal financier Howard Webster as Chairman. He was joined by Peter Hardy, then vice-chairman of the board at Labatt's,

former Ontario Premier John Robarts, David Lewis, former senior vice-president of part-owner Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, and McDougall. (Since the resignation of Peter Bavasi in 1981, Hardy has served as Chief Executive Officer of the Blue Jays. He provides counselling input on the day-to-day operations of the baseball club while leaving the responsibilities to Pat Gillick and Paul Beeston. Presently, Hardy is chairman of the board of John Labatt Limited.) Although Bavasi was in charge, it was Gillick who taught the board members about baseball.

"Gillick would come to our meetings and give us seminars," one of the board members later recalled. "If we ever had tapes of those speeches, it would make a great course in baseball management."

"He's articulate, intelligent, and we all just sat back and listened. He told us exactly what his plans were and how the secret would be in forming a strong development and minor league system."

Gillick came to Toronto from the Yankee organization, because owner George Steinbrenner had refused to confirm what had been seen as a mutually-agreed job expectation. Gillick brought with him Elliott Wahle, 25, as administrator of player personnel. The baby-faced Wahle probably knew more about minor-league players than anyone else in baseball, and was instrumental in the drafting of unknown players who later became Toronto stars. Mike Cannon, in that same year, finished his job as trainer of hockey's Team Canada, took four days off, and on Eagleson's recommendation, became travelling secretary of the Blue Jays. Bobby Hewitson, who had been running ticket sales for agencies operating out of Eaton's stores, headed the ticket operation, and Howie Starkman, then only 31, became director of public relations. Starkman had only weeks before he left his job as a senior administrator with the Toronto Maple Leafs, and was regarded then, as now, as one of the best in the business.

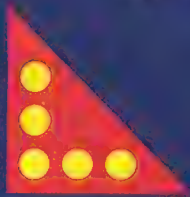
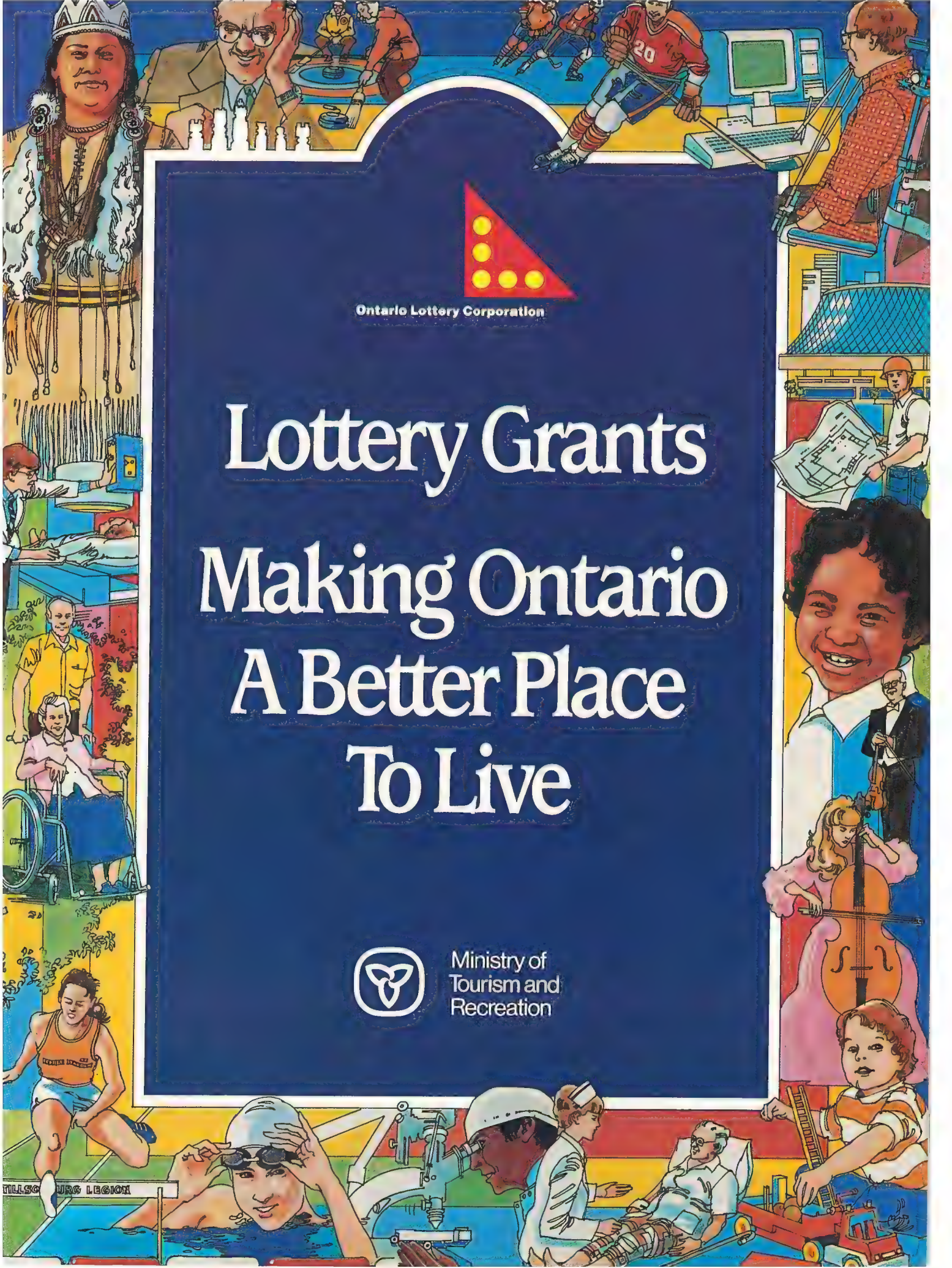
With Gillick at its baseball head, and Bavasi masterminding operations, the Blue Jays management went through an expansion draft that produced the like of Dennis DeBarr, Jerry Garvin, Leon Hooten, and Steve Staggs. It was Staggs who at the first spring training camp in Dunedin, Florida, complained to Bavasi that he thought he'd never really get a chance at the majors.

"The trouble is," said Staggs, "that I can never really get shoes that fit proper."

The first spring training game ever — against the Mets — was rained out. But it was played the following day at Dunedin's tiny Grant Field, and the Jays won beating the Mets 3 to 1. It would be one of only eight victories that first spring training, and the Jays came north to start the season with rookies, career minor-leaguers and fading veterans. But all that was forgotten when Umpire Nestor Chylak took his position behind the plate on April 7, 1977, glanced at pitcher Bill Singer, noted that Chicago's Ralph Garr was in the batter's box, placed his hand on catcher Rick Cerone's shoulder, and quietly said, "Play ball."

*By Andrew Kay*





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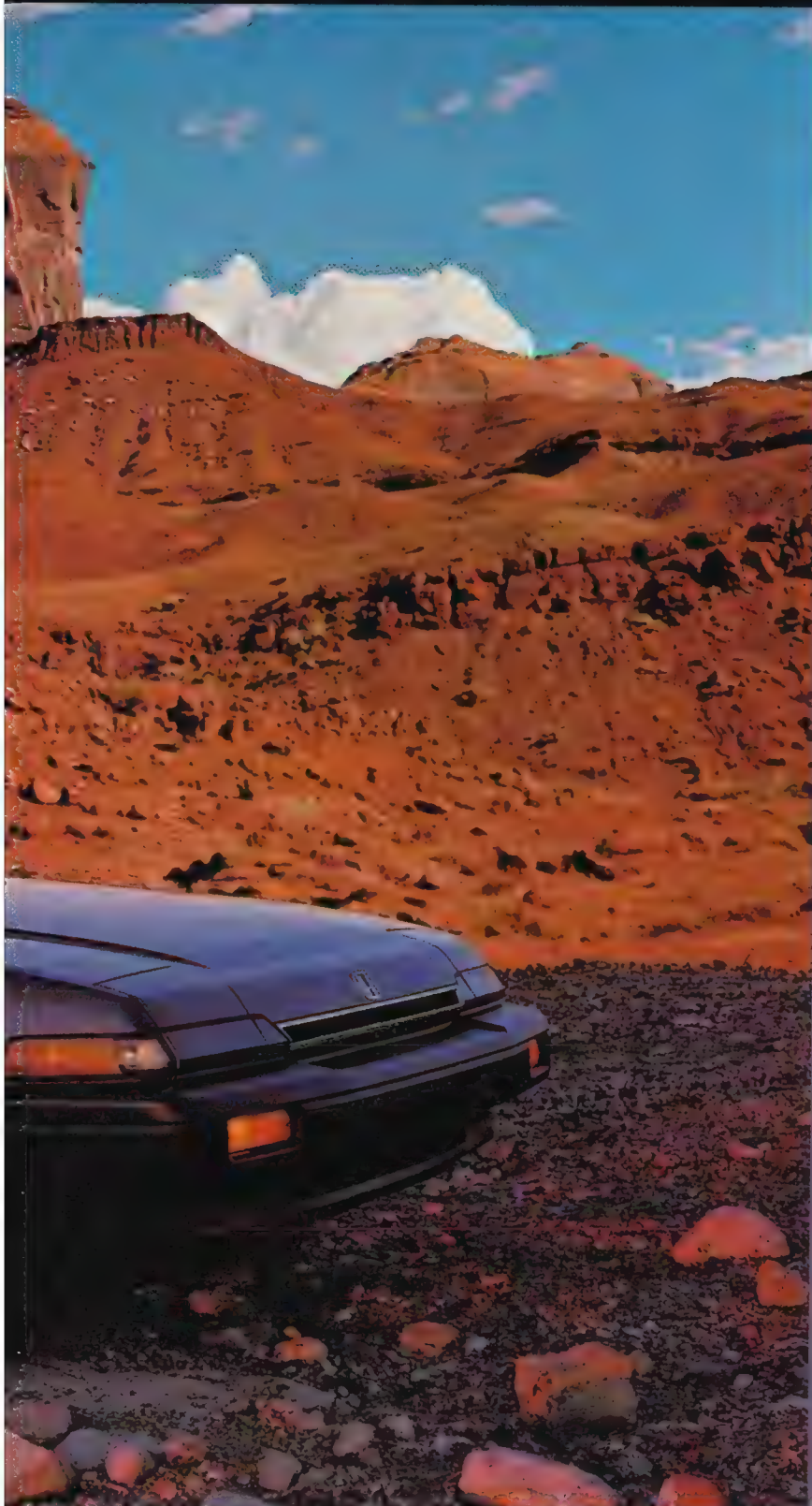


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# 1977

## LET'S PLAY BALL! MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL COMES TO TOWN



Like Woodstock, we were all "there." April 7, 1977: The snowy big chill that welcomed the Blue Jays and the warm thrill of victory that melted it away. Jays 9, White Sox 5. But the First Game

was by no means a classic. Seven pitchers, struggling to scrape the frosty mud off their cleats, spent three and a half hours of sub-zero cold serving up 10 walks and 31 hits. The hitters left 27 runners on base to freeze, 19 of them White Sox, turning AstroTurf into tundra. Yet, in memory, the game shines like a midsummer gem, a diamond glowing in the sun.

Everyone remembers the two dramatic home runs by Doug Ault, but a so-called "purist" might argue that Alvis Woods' decisive homer in the fifth inning was more significant. Sure it was. But not more memorable. Because this was a year of Firsts. It was a time before computers, statistics experts and "game analysis." It was just plain Fun. It was a time to savour the sights, sounds, smells and thrills of big league baseball. And what entertainment it was! The crack of a bat, the hum of a fastball, the golden mustard on a ballpark hotdog, all drew a remarkable total of 1,701,052 fans to our little ballpark — the second smallest in the league. Hey, this is baseball! And for some, it was a chance to see visiting superstars from teams they had followed for years. For most of us, especially youngsters, it was a first meeting with an audacious group of rookies and "castoffs" from other teams that became our Blue Jays.

Toronto fans set a new attendance record for a first-year team, breaking the old one (held by Montreal) by half a million. The fans came to see a young unknown team that was scrappy and competitive right up to the last out, with 77 of their 161 games being decided by a mere one or two runs.

After the first homestand, the Jays were 5-2 and in first place. "We're number one," chanted the fans, something they

wouldn't be able to do again for six more years. The first year did have its legitimate heroes. Aside from Doug Ault, early-season heroics came from ex-Yankee Otto Velez, whose bat provided the

thunderous soundtrack for April showers at a .442 clip, making him the American League's Player of the Month. He had five homers and 18 RBIs in just 17 games, and shy Toronto fans actually could be heard yelling "Ottol Ottol" as the smiling, mustachioed Puerto Rican slugger lumbered up to the plate, carrying our hopes of respectability with him. Half his RBIs came in the Jays' first-ever visit into Yankee Stadium, a split of a four-game series in which he went 9 for 15 with nine RBIs against his former club. The Yankees were defending AL champions, led by scrappy catcher Thurman Munson and fiery manager Billy Martin. They had just acquired a new slugger from Baltimore in the free agent sweepstakes. His name was Reggie Jackson.

By May, it was clear that competing in baseball's toughest division was going to be much harder than it first seemed. The slugging heroics of Ault and Velez were matched by pitching phenom Jerry Garvin, a fresh-faced 21-year-old left-hander who went 4-0 with a 2.14 ERA in April. But like almost all his teammates, it was consistency that was lacking. After April, Ault hit only six more homers, Velez just 11, and Garvin managed only six more wins, losing 10 tough-luck games in a row during most of the summer. The one exception was the club's versatile first pick in the league's expansion draft, Bob Bailor. He spent all but 10 days of the season among the league's leading hitters, finishing at .310, the best-ever average by a player for a first-year expansion team and the highest mark by a rookie in either league. Bailor actually led the league in hitting until late May, when Rod Carew took over for good, going on to chase the elusive .400 mark and finish at .388.

### OPENING DAY AT HOME April 7, 1977

Jays 9  
White Sox 5

John Scott, lf  
Hector Torres, ss  
Doug Ault, 1b  
Otto Velez, dh  
Gary Woods, cf  
Steve Bowling, rf  
Pedro Garcia, 2b  
Dave McKay, 3b  
Rick Cerone, c  
Bill Singer, p

WP — Jerry Johnson  
LP — Ken Brett  
SV — Pete Vuckovich  
HR — Doug Ault (2)  
Alvis Woods

Att — 44,649



Bailor was exactly what the Jays promised and hoped to build on. He was young, fast and aggressive — sometimes too much so. Several injuries kept him out of the lineup (including Opening Day) and hampered him on the basepaths, where he did manage to steal 15 bases. Another promising youngster was Alvis Woods, whose pinch hit homer in his first ever major league at bat on Opening Day put him into the record books as only the 11th player ever to accomplish the feat. Woods went on to hit .284, and was a steady performer in left field.

Most of the season, however, was spent in 7th place. The fans didn't seem to mind. At least we were in the league. If the rest of the world knew about the Blue Jays, it was for veterans like Ron Fairly, who slugged 19 homers and carried his reputation into the All-Star Game as the first Blue Jay to be named, despite Bailor's .332 average (second only to Carew) at the break. Bill Singer, the man tabbed to be the anchor of the young pitching staff, developed back problems and saw his first and only season with the Blue Jays become his worst and last in baseball. The pitching staff was in the hands of youngsters. Jerry Garvin was joined by fellow rookies Jeff Byrd and Jim Clancy in the starting rotation, both jumping into the heat of the AL East without ever seeing a Triple A hitter. By midsummer, the Jays were playing a 25-man roster that included 13 rookies, a number said to be the most-ever at one time in the history of baseball.

The pitching staff was anchored by ex-Tiger Dave Lemanczyk. The big right-hander was a bulwark in the rotation, working 252 innings and winning 13 games, nearly a quarter of the team total, and tying a record for first-year expansion team pitchers.

Doomed to finish last, the young Jays provided fans with individual highlights and memorable games. There was Pete Vuckovich's 12-strikeout, six-hit shutout to beat the powerful Baltimore Orioles and Jim Palmer on June 26th. There was a memorable grand slam home run by — of all people — Hector Torres off Ron Guidry to send the feuding Yankees down to defeat. (Of course, two nights later, one Yankee etched himself into Toronto fans' memory with a magic performance, a big slugger who smashed three baseballs into the deep, deep left-field stands in one game — two of them in one inning! He was the first visiting player ever to receive a standing ovation, the first of many he would receive in Toronto. But it would be seven years later before Cliff Johnson would be one of our guys.) Then of course there was Roy Howell, the bespectacled hard-nosed third baseman who drove in nine runs in one game on September 10th in Yankee Stadium as the Jays administered the worst punishment in 50 years on the soon-to-be world champions, 19-3. The next day, the inmates of the Bronx Zoo arrived early at the ballpark just to boo the Jays as they got off the bus. We had really arrived.

The year also had its share of oddities. On September 15th, in the midst of a pennant race, Earl Weaver pulled his Orioles off the field, complaining about the bullpen tarpaulins (and perhaps about Jim Clancy's fastball which looked unbeatable that night) and gave the Jays a controversial forfeit win, the only one in club history.

The season might be summed up on a hot muggy night in Anaheim, June 8th, as fireballer Nolan Ryan struck out 19 Blue Jays in 10 innings tying a major league record. Although the papers recounted yet another Jays loss in a typically scrappy game, losing 2-1 in 13 innings, another phase of club history was being written without any fanfare. A pen was moving across the page to sign a contract with the Jays' new minor league club at Utica. Drafted out of high school the day before, the youngster's signature was that of Jesse Ray Barfield.

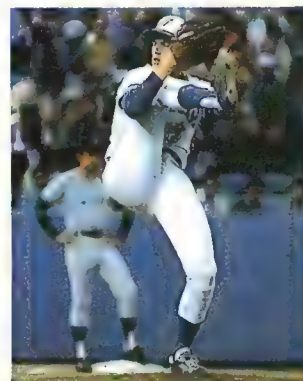


**The first pick in the 1976 expansion draft, Bob Bailor became the heart and soul of the early Blue Jays, as much due to the fans' and front office's aspirations as for**

his aggressive style of play. He was the Jays' first real star, hitting .310 in 1977, not only the highest mark for a rookie, but also the highest ever for a player on a first-year expansion club. Bob was a versatile and dependable performer in the infield and outfield for the first four seasons and his gritty, risk-taking derring-do set a style for other young Blue Jays to follow. 1977 was his best year in baseball and, although his records have since been erased, he was the standard-bearer in the tough early going. The young Bob Bailor would not be out of place on the Jays' current division championship club.

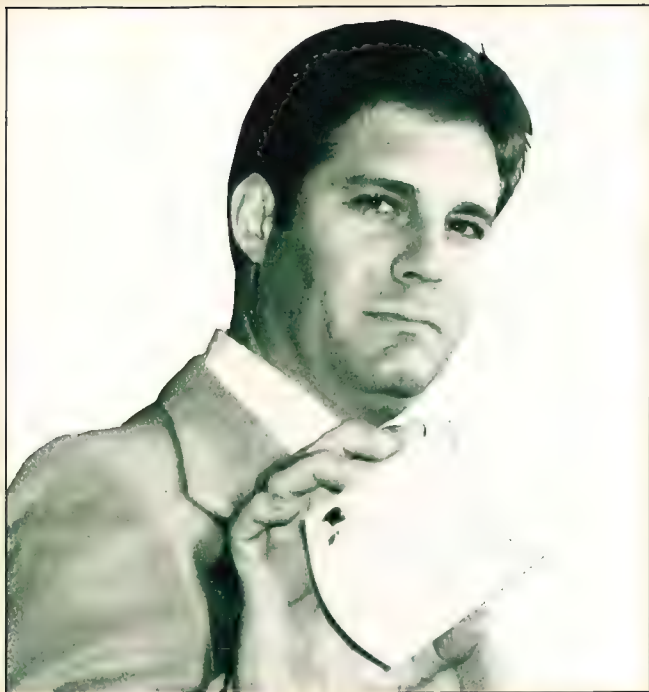
**Jerry Garvin was a fresh-faced 21-year-old left-hander whose forkball and sneaky pickoff move made up**

for a below-average fastball. He was the Jays' second pick in the expansion draft and won his first five games in 1977. His high leg



kick and crafty delivery led to a league-high 22 pickoffs that season, but lack of run support saw him lose ten games in a row and end up at 10-18, despite 12 complete games. The Jays scored a total of only 34 runs in the 18 games he was charged with losing. Jerry became a Blue Jay after losing a minor league playoff game to a club managed by Roy Hartsfield. When Roy became the Jays' first manager he wanted Jerry on his side, drafting him from Minnesota.





# 1977

**Blue Jays' vice-president Peter Bavasi announces the team's first selection in the 1976 expansion draft, a young shortstop from the Baltimore Orioles organization, Bob**

Bailor. Seattle, winning the first pick on a coin toss, selected Ruppert Jones. Only Jim Clancy, Garth Iorg, and Ernie Whitt remain from the original group of 30 players selected on November 5, 1976.

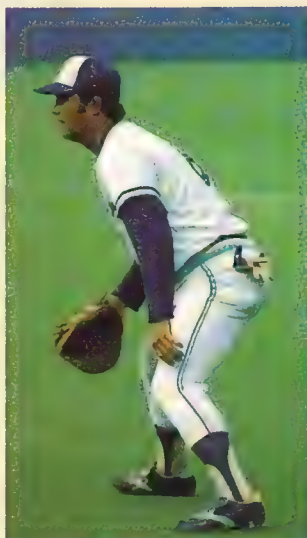


**Although he went on to greater glory with the Milwaukee Brewers, winning the Cy Young Award in 1982, Pete Vuckovich was the Jays' first ace reliever. He was 7-7**

with eight saves and a 3.47 ERA in 1977. As a starter, Pete pitched the Jays' first shutout, besting Orioles ace Jim Palmer on June 26, 1977, in a 2-0 win in which he struck out 12, still a team record.

**The Jays' first home run and RBI leader, Ron Fairly spent his final season in**

the majors in 1977. He was the Jays' first representative in the All-Star Game and entered the record books by completing a productive and versatile career that saw him play over 1,000 games in the infield (first base) and the outfield, the first player since Stan Musial to do so.



**Doug Ault was a 27-year-old rookie when on Opening Day of 1977 he jumped on a pitch delivered by Chicago White Sox hurler Ken Brett (George's older brother), slug-**

ging a dramatic home run for the Blue Jays' first hit. His next time up, he hit another, and Jays' fans had their first hero. After that game, Doug would hit only 15 more homers in a three-year career, but he earned his place in history. He was typical of the players the Jays had to choose from in the expansion draft: older minor leaguers hoping for a chance to prove themselves in the majors, as opposed to younger players who would be with the club when it reached maturity. Doug is still with the organization as manager of the Syracuse Chiefs, where in 1985 he was named International League Manager of the Year. As a player, Doug was a rarity — one of a handful of major leaguers to throw left-handed but bat right.

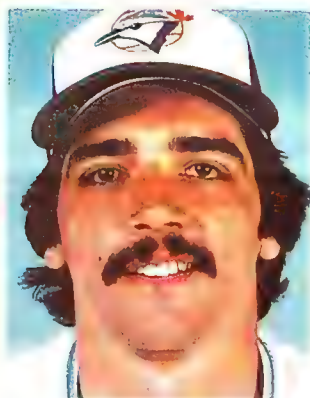
**In 1977, the average Blue Jays salary was \$34,320 and the entire team payroll was \$858,000. Today's major league average salary is over \$430,000 in U.S. dollars, or half the entire 1977 team total!**





**Shrouded in mystery was this pitch to Bob Bailor, as mist swirls in from Lake**

Ontario. One night in May, a game was held up for an hour by a fog so thick that five players all called for the same fly ball — which landed somewhere in short right field and was later found near the right field fence, giving Milwaukee's Cecil Cooper an inside-the-fog home run. When the clouds cleared, though, the Jays won the game 9-8.



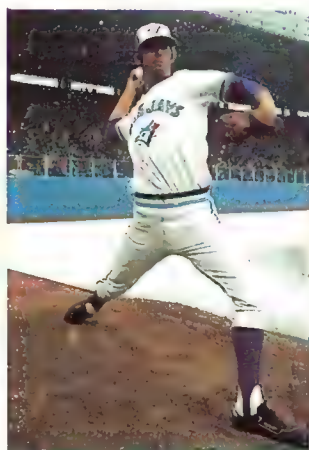
**The Blue Jays' first Canadian, the Vancouver-born infielder Dave McKay was**

the club's opening day third baseman, the only Canadian on the roster and one of only two to have ever played for the Blue Jays, the other being a young Montreal-born outfielder, Paul Hodgson, who appeared in 20 games in 1980.



**Bill Singer was the first pitcher ever to stand on the mound at Exhibition Stadium in a real game. He rubbed**

the ball in the zero-degree cold, a rare experience for a native Californian. Umpire Nestor Chylak bellowed "play ball" and he went into the windup. It was a fastball for a called strike to Chicago White Sox leadoff hitter Ralph Garr. With the pitch, major league baseball arrived in Toronto, April 7, 1977. The ball he threw for the First Pitch now resides in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. Bill resides in California, retiring after back injuries turned his first season with the Blue Jays into his last. He appeared in just 13 games, winning just two.



**Baseball is a game of numbers, but how about this? On a double play started by the shortstop, the ball travels a route that describes the number seven. One Blue Jays**

shortstop, however has had an even greater association with the number seven. Tim Lincecum was born at 7 a.m. on the seventh day of the seventh month in the year 1949. The number of letters in each of his names, Timothy Charles Paul Nordbrook is 7-7-4-9. With the Blue Jays — in '77 — he didn't wear number 7. His manager did. He wore 16 — which adds up to seven. He played a bit the next year too, appearing in — you guessed it — exactly seven games!

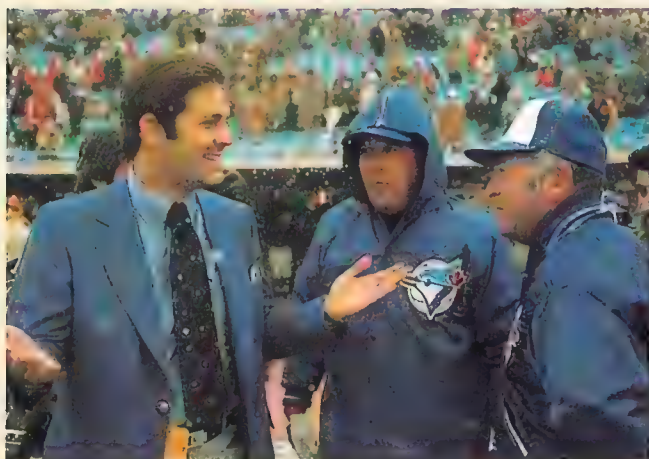




**Roy Hartsfield, the Jays' first manager, was a no-nonsense minor league veteran who was used to winning.** He instilled a sense of discipline into the Blue Jays organization and his high standards of excellence in the minor leagues made him a tough manager in his rookie season, earning him a

berth in the All-Star Game as a coach in 1979 despite his club's losing record for all three of his seasons managing the new team.

# 1977



**April 7, 1977. Blue Jays' vice-president Peter Bavasi, pitching coach Bob Miller, and manager Roy Hartsfield didn't let a surprise spring snowstorm chill out the Jays'**

first-ever game, a 9-5 win over the Chicago White Sox. The flurries brought a festive mood to the ballpark, although infielders had trouble picking up ground balls on the snow covered infield.

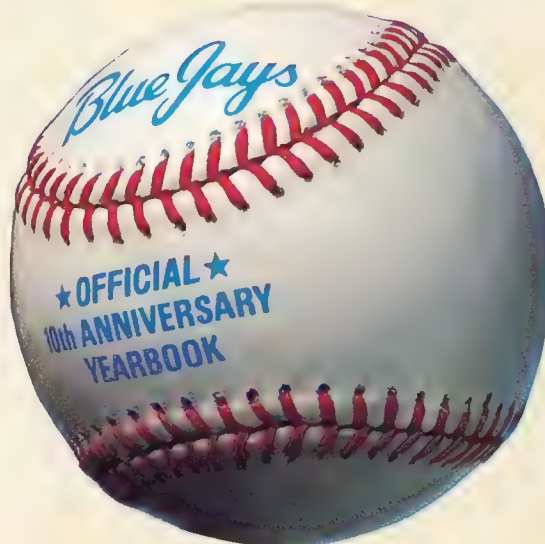
**Dave Lemanczyk won 13 games to tie a major league record for wins by a pitcher**

on a first-year club in 1977, when he grittily assumed the role of leader on the brand-new Blue Jays pitching staff. The former Detroit Tiger never missed a start that year and his 252 innings made him a bulwark around which the Jays could experiment and develop their younger hurlers. He was especially tough on division rivals New York and

Boston and made the Jays a factor in the final month of the '77 pennant race with tough wins over the contenders. Dave had alternately good and bad seasons in his four with the Jays and represented the club in the 1979 All-Star Game. He remained with the Jays until 1980. Since he retired as a player, Dave has become an agent.



**In their first nine seasons, the Blue Jays have used exactly 96,612 baseballs. In 1985, the club used 15,528. Official baseballs are covered with cowhide and manufactured in Haiti, with each of the 262 stitches sewn by hand.**





## 1977 BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

MANAGER	W	L	PCT	POS	GB	ATT.
Roy Hartsfield	54	107	.335	7th	45½	1,701,052
LABATT'S MVP	Bob Bailor					
BBWAA PLAYER OF THE YEAR	Bob Bailor					
BBWAA PITCHER OF THE YEAR	Dave Lemanczyk					
BBWAA ROOKIE OF THE YEAR	Bob Bailor					

PITCHER	ERA	W-L	SV	G	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
Bruno, Tom	8.00	0-1	0	12	18	30	16	13	8
Byrd, Jeff	6.21	2-13	0	17	87	98	60	68	40
Clancy, Jim	5.03	4-9	0	13	77	80	43	47	44
Darr, Mike	4.50	0-1	0	1	1	3	5	4	1
DeBarr, Dennis	6.00	0-1	0	14	21	29	14	8	10
Garvin, Jerry	4.19	10-18	0	34	245	247	114	85	27
Hartenstein, Chuck	6.67	0-2	0	13	27	40	20	6	15
Hargan, Steve	5.28	1-3	0	6	29	26	17	14	11
Jefferson, Jesse	4.31	9-17	0	33	217	224	104	83	114
Johnson, Jerry	4.60	2-4	5	43	86	91	44	54	54
Lemanczyk, Dave	4.25	13-16	0	34	252	278	119	87	105
Murphy, Tom	4.77	2-2	35	0	83	107	44	30	39
Singer, Bill	6.75	2-8	0	13	60	71	45	39	33
Vuckovich, Pete	3.47	7-7	8	53	148	143	57	59	123
Willis, Mike	3.95	2-6	5	43	107	105	47	38	59
1977 TOTALS	4.57	54-107	20	161	1,428	1,538	726	623	771

BATTER	POS	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI
Ashby, Alan	C	.210	124	396	25	83	2	29
Ault, Doug	1B	.245	129	445	44	109	11	64
Bailor, Bob	IF-OF	.310	122	496	62	154	5	32
Bowling, Steve	OF	.206	89	194	19	40	1	13
Cerone, Rick	C	.200	31	100	7	20	1	10
Ewing, Sam	OF	.287	97	244	24	70	4	34
Fairly, Ron	1B-OF	.279	132	458	60	128	19	64
Garcia, Pedro	2B	.208	41	130	10	27	0	9
Howell, Roy	3B	.302	103	381	41	115	10	44
Mason, Jim	SS	.165	22	79	10	13	0	2
McKay, Dave	IF	.197	95	274	18	54	3	22
Nordbrook, Tim	SS	.193	39	83	11	16	0	2
Roof, Phil	C	.000	3	5	0	0	0	0
Rader, Doug	IF	.240	96	313	47	75	13	40
Staggs, Steve	2B	.258	72	291	37	75	2	28
Scott, John	OF	.240	79	233	26	56	2	15
Torres, Hector	IF	.241	91	266	33	64	5	26
Velez, Otto	OF	.256	120	360	50	92	16	62
Whitt, Ernie	C	.171	23	41	4	7	0	6
Woods, Al	OF	.284	122	440	58	125	6	35
Woods, Gary	OF	.216	60	227	21	49	0	17
Designated Hitters		.269	161	583	75	22	22	87
Pinch-Hitters		.280	—	93	—	5	5	23
1977 TOTALS		.252	161	5,419	605	1,367	100	553

## 1977 FINAL STANDINGS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB	WEST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB
New York	100	62	.617	—	Kansas City	102	60	.630	—
Baltimore	97	64	.602	2½	Texas	94	68	.580	8
Boston	97	64	.602	2½	Chicago	90	72	.556	12
Detroit	74	88	.457	26	Minnesota	84	77	.522	17½
Cleveland	71	90	.441	28½	California	74	88	.457	28
Milwaukee	67	95	.414	33	Seattle	64	98	.395	38
Blue Jays	54	107	.335	45½	Oakland	63	98	.391	38½

ALCS: New York defeated Kansas City, three games to two.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB	WEST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	101	61	.623	—	Los Angeles	98	64	.604	—
Pittsburgh	96	66	.593	5	Cincinnati	88	74	.543	10
St. Louis	83	79	.512	18	Houston	81	81	.500	17
Chicago	81	81	.500	20	San Francisco	75	87	.463	23
Montreal	75	87	.463	26	San Diego	69	93	.426	29
New York	64	98	.395	37	Atlanta	61	101	.377	37

NLCS: Los Angeles defeated Philadelphia, three games to one.

WORLD SERIES: New York Yankees defeated Los Angeles, four games to two.

## 1977 MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS


### AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING	388	Rod Carew	Minn
HOME RUNS	39	Jim Rice	Bos
RBI's	119	Larry Hise	Minn
STOLEN BASES	53	Fred Patek	KC
PITCHING ERA	2.54	Frank Tanana	Cal
WINS	20	Jim Palmer	Balt
WINS	20	Dave Goltz	Minn
WINS	20	Dennis Leonard	KC
SAVES	31	Bill Campbell	Bos
STRIKEOUTS	341	Nolan Ryan	Cal


### NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING	338	Dave Parker	Pitt
HOME RUNS	52	George Foster	Cin
TOTAL BASES	388	George Foster	Cin
RBI's	149	George Foster	Cin
STOLEN BASES	70	Frank Taveras	Pitt
PITCHING ERA	2.34	John Candelaria	Pitt
WINS	23	Steve Carlton	Phil
SAVES	35	Rollie Fingers	SD
STRIKEOUTS	262	Phil Niekro	Atl
SHUTOUTS	7	Tom Seaver	NY, Cin





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# 1978

## YEAR TWO INTRODUCES NEW FACES BUT THE TEAM STILL STRUGGLES ON THE FIELD



The Jays' opening day lineup in '78 included only one player from that day a year before — Dave McKay, but he was playing second base instead of third. The off-season overhaul of the Blue Jays was designed to keep the promising young players and upgrade the club with the addition of veterans. Two big bats joined the lineup — right-handed hitter Rico Carty and left-handed hitting first baseman John Mayberry, acquired the day before the season began from Kansas City. Carty, ironically, was one of the "original" Blue Jays, having been selected in the expansion draft. Prior to the season he went back to the Tribe in a deal that provided young catcher Rick Cerone, then just 22 years old.

The Jays' offense would have to make up for the 19 homers and 64 RBIs of retired Ron Fairly, who led the club in both categories. Manager Roy Hartsfield also hoped that both Otto Velez and Doug Ault would rebound and that he would have sparkplug Bob Bailor for a whole season. Roy Howell, a .316 hitter in '77, had just turned 24 and the Jays hoped he would continue to improve on his power-hitting and his defense.

Shoring up the defense began in '77 by moving Dave McKay to second base. The Jays also signed their first free agent, but he was hardly a big name. Luis Gomez agreed to terms with the Jays just hours after the draft to play shortstop, a position five players shared in '77, no one emerging as a regular.

If anything was to be a bright spot, it seemed to be the young pitchers. Dave Lemanczyk was the ace of a young staff that included Jerry Garvin and Jim Clancy, joining Jesse Jefferson. Over the winter, the Jays traded Pete Vuckovich in order to get two commodities they would strive for throughout their history — a quality left-handed starter and a stopper in the bullpen. They thought they had the starter in Tom Underwood and gambled on 20-year-old Victor Cruz in the bullpen.

On paper, the Jays looked like a much-improved ballclub. But on the field, they weren't. The offense sputtered, despite the fact that Mayberry and Carty each hit 20 homers and combined for 138 RBIs,

or 22% of the team's total of 590 runs scored (13th in the league). The pitching staff also ranked 13th in the league with a 4.55 ERA, but the staff gave up the most bases on balls, 614 (nearly four per game). Opponents scored 775 times, 185 more than the Jays, spotting them more than a run a game. What happened to the brand-new game plan?

Early season pitching woes by the entire staff threw the rotation out of kilter and the bullpen was overworked. Dave Lemanczyk suffered a

complete reversal of his consistent '77 form. He lost all of his first seven games and by the All-Star break was 3-10 with a 6.72 ERA. The young southpaws, Garvin and Underwood, won only 10 games between them all year. Both were plagued by bad luck and the home run ball (surrendering 43 as a duo).

The offense, although paced by the slow-footed big men, never got into high gear with the daring running game manager Hartsfield intended to employ. Stolen bases fell off to just 27 — for the whole team — compared to 65 a year before and by far the fewest in the league. Detroit's Ron Leflore stole 68!

It was a year to improve, but the improvement in wins and losses was secondary to the improvement and development of the young players and prospects down on the farm around whom the future success of the club would have to be built.

Some of the brightest hopes for the future were on the pitching staff. Young Jim Clancy, a first round pick in the expansion draft, had just turned 22, and was beginning his first full major league season. He was supposed to be the number four or five starter, gradually gaining experience in non-pressure situations, which would be left to seasoned veterans Dave

### OPENING DAY AT DETROIT

April 7, 1978

Tigers 6  
Jays 2

Rick Bosetti, cf  
Al Woods, lf  
Roy Howell, 3b  
Rico Carty, dh  
John Mayberry, 1b  
Tommy Hutton, rf  
Dave McKay, 2b  
Luis Gomez, ss  
Alan Ashby, c  
Dave Lemanczyk, p  
WP — Mark Fidrych  
LP — Dave Lemanczyk  
HR — Milt May,  
Phil Mankowski,  
Jason Thompson

Att — 52,528



Lemanczyk, Jesse Jefferson, and Tom Underwood. Instead, the veterans faltered and the big, shy right-hander found himself in the heat of the spotlight. The final month of the 1977 season had prepared him for it, as he was the winning pitcher in two of the most celebrated games of the year: the 19-3 win over the Yankees, and the forfeit win over the Orioles. It was only his third start of the new season when he entered Jays' history again. In front of over 44,000 fans, including Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, Jim not only got the 4-2 win over the White Sox, but started the Blue Jays' first ever triple play. While Clancy and the Blue Jays were in the spotlight, it was only as supporting players. For most of baseball could hardly be expected to notice that the youngster led the staff in wins with 10, the only pitcher on the team to reach double figures. Five hurlers lost twelve games or more.

In a year when the bullpen car — remember it? — had run past its warranty by mid-season, there was also a young reliever making news. Victor Cruz (acquired from St. Louis in the Pete Vuckovich-for-Tom Underwood deal) ended up with seven wins (one more than Underwood) and nine saves on a 1.71 ERA. The nine saves would seem like a lot for the next seven years.

Bob Bailor was healthy enough to appear in 154 games and score a team-leading 74 runs without curtailing his aggressive baserunning. In one memorable act of daring, against Kansas City in the bottom of the ninth, he scored the winning run from second base on an infield out. It took a moment for the dazzled Royals to realize that the runner who was supposed to be standing on second base was dusting himself off at home plate, game over.

Roy Howell continued his hustling style of play and won the Labatt's Player of the Year honours with 10 homers and 61 RBIs. Newly-acquired centre fielder Rick Bosetti provided solid defense and a flamboyant personality that made him a fan favourite. Another of the most popular players was Rico Carty, "The Big Mon." The Jays were glad to have him back, since he clubbed 20 homers with 78 RBIs by the end of August. That's when the Jays traded him again, this time to Oakland for veteran Willie Horton, whose Blue Jays career would last only a month, and 21-year-old right handed pitcher Phil Huffman, an unknown commodity who would be tested the following season.

The season's highlight for the team was a remarkable 24-10 drubbing of the tough Baltimore Orioles on June 26th. The Jays scored nine runs in the first inning and led 24-5 after five, before mercifully halting the assault, an easy win for Tom Underwood.

The September pennant race saw the Jays pin one of only three losses on Yankees left-hander Ron Guidry (who won 25 games!) as Mike Willis cruised to a 8-1 win in his first start of the season and the only major league complete game of his career.

The Jays that season also carried a 21-year-old outfielder-first baseman they selected in the little known "major league draft" of unprotected minor league players from the New York Yankees. The Yankees didn't mind, since he hit only four homers in Class AA ball the previous season. His first in the majors came against — you guessed it — the Yankees and their ace reliever Goose Gossage. It was Willie Upshaw's only homer that season.

The Jays in 1978 also expanded their farm system to four teams, three in Class A and one in AAA at Syracuse. In June, they had the number two selection in the free agent draft. After Atlanta selected Bob Horner, the Jays picked 18-year-old Lloyd Moseby, who hit .304 at Medicine Hat. In Dunedin, however, two young outfielders were struggling. Eighteen-year-old Jesse Barfield hit just .206. The other, only .192, making the Jays wonder if he would ever hit. They moved him to another position, the pitcher's mound. Dave Strieb has looked right at home there ever since.



**Instilling a winning attitude during the days when the Blue Jays were losing a hundred games a season was one of the early goals of the front office. In 1978, the**

Blue Jays even hired a sports psychologist, Dr. Bruce Ogilvie, who worked on the mental aspects of the game with Sam Ewing, a clutch pinch hitter for the first two seasons. Ewing was one of several players to come off the bench and give the Jays an outstanding .280 pinch-hitting average in their first year. Over the last four seasons, Jays pinch-hitters have batted .269 with 19 homers and 163 RBIs, one of the most productive totals in the league. Their 71 pinch-hits in 1982 set a major league record. Today, the mental aspects of hitting are emphasized by batting coach Cito Gaston.



**A scrappy, hard-nosed third baseman, Roy Howell was the Labatt's Player**

of the Year in 1978, although he played much of July and August with a pulled shoulder muscle that kept his season stats (.270, 8 HRs, 61 RBIs) from accurately reflecting his contribution at the plate. Roy joined the Blue Jays a month into the 1977 season and went on to hit .316 the rest of the

year. His biggest day as a pro came in Yankee Stadium on September 10, 1977, when he went five-for-six with two doubles, two homers, and an amazing nine RBIs in one game! The next day New York fans arrived at the park early just to boo the young Jays, who had beaten the league champions 19-3, the worst Yankee defeat in 50 years! Roy left the Jays as a free agent after 1980.



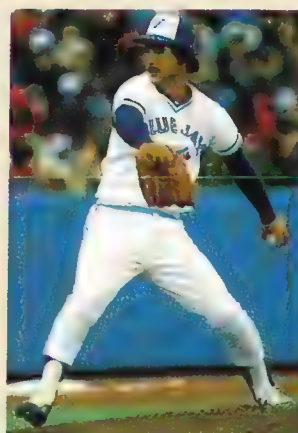
# 1978

**Although just 22 in 1978, Jim Clancy led the team in wins with 10 and shared the Labatt's Pitcher of the Year award with Tom Underwood. He's had a history of being involved in some of the most exciting and memorable Blue Jays games ever. They include the 19-3 pasting of the Yankees and the forfeit win over the Orioles in 1977, and was on the mound to start the Blue Jays' first ever triple play on April 22, 1978 in front of over 44,000 fans, including Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. He leads Jays pitchers in games with 245 and all players in length of service with the club.**



**One of the most popular of the early Blue Jays, "The Big Mon" Rico Carty, was one of baseball's first Dominican superstars. His presence with the Blue Jays created an affinity between Toronto fans and players from that small island republic that has lasted to this day. Rico had already been a pro for two years before Tony Fernandez was even born! He had an outstanding major league career that was marred by severe injuries**

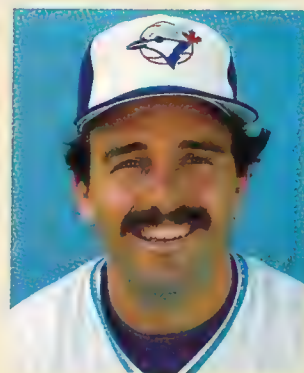
and a remarkable comeback from tuberculosis that deprived him of two full seasons during his prime. Yet he had nine seasons hitting over .300! He was one of the "original" Blue Jays (selected from Cleveland in the expansion draft) but was traded back before the first season for catcher Rick Cerone. The Jays reacquired him before the 1978 season, when he clubbed 21 homers before the end of August. That's when he was traded again, this time to Oakland, for Willie Horton and young pitcher Phil Huffman. At the end of the season he was acquired by the Blue Jays for the third time, finishing his career without the fanfare he so richly deserved.



**A crafty left-hander beset by lack of scoring support for his two-year Jays career, Tom Underwood was nevertheless the beneficiary of the greatest offensive show in team history. Under the full moon on June 24th, 1978, Tom was able to leave after five innings with a comfortable 24-5 lead. The Jays held on to win, 24-10. Tom was traded to the Yankees after 1979.**

**His flamboyant personality and aggressive defense made Rick Bosetti a fan**

favourite from 1978 to 1981. He just missed being named Labatt's Player of the Year in 1978, when he batted leadoff and threw out 17 runners from centre field, the second best total in the league and setting the tone for the Jays' speedy young outfield of today. He was named to the TOPPS All-Rookie team in 1978 and was the last Blue Jay to play centre field on a regular basis before Lloyd Moseby took over during the 1980 season.





# 1978



**A 20-year-old reliever in 1978, Victor Cruz enjoyed his best season ever in his**

only one with the Blue Jays. The young Dominican, whose pitching motion was heavily influenced by his idol, Luis Tiant, compiled an impressive 7-3 record with a sparkling 1.73 ERA

and nine saves — back in the days when save opportunities were rare. The portly fireballer was a by-product of a trade in which the Blue Jays gave up Pete Vuckovich to get Tommy Underwood. An example of the wily dealing by which the Jays' later clubs were built, Cruz was sent to Cleveland after the season and has never enjoyed anywhere near the season he had in '78. It was a controversial deal at the time, since the Jays received an untested rookie shortstop, just 21 years old. His name was Alfredo Griffin.



**A gutsy left-handed reliever with the Jays from 1977 to 1981, Mike Willis was pressed into starting duty for the first time in 1978 on September 20th. His opponent was**

Yankee ace Ron Guidry, who was 22-2 at the time. Mike pitched his only major league complete game, beating the World Champions and their Cy Young Award winner, 8-1. The lone Yankee run came on a solo blast by a Blue Jays nemesis — Cliff Johnson!

**The Jays' first free agent signing was hardly a big name, but Luis Gomez provided solid defense at shortstop in 1978. He also battered Yankee pitchers for a .318 average and here slides home safely under the heads-up call of Doug Ault as Yankees catcher Thurman Munson awaits the throw. A year later, Munson was killed in a tragic plane crash. He would be replaced as Yankees catcher by Blue Jay Rick Cerone, traded there after the 1979 season.**





## 1978 BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

MANAGER	W	L	PCT	POS	GB	ATT
Roy Hartsfield	59	102	.366	7th	40	1,562,585
LABATT'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR . . . . . Roy Howell						
LABATT'S PITCHER OF THE YEAR . Jim Clancy & Tom Underwood						
BBWAA PLAYER OF THE YEAR . . . . . Bob Bailor						
BBWAA PITCHER OF THE YEAR . . . . Jim Clancy & Victor Cruz						
BBWAA ROOKIE OF THE YEAR . . . . Victor Cruz						
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER . . . . . Alan Ashby						

PITCHER	ERA	W-L	SV	G	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
Buskey, Tom . . . . .	3.37	0-1	0	8	13	14	5	4	7
Clancy, Jim . . . . .	4.09	10-12	0	31	194	199	88	91	106
Coleman, Joe . . . . .	3.81	5-0	0	41	80	79	34	35	32
Cruz, Victor . . . . .	1.71	7-3	9	32	47	28	9	36	51
Garvin, Jerry . . . . .	5.66	4-12	0	26	145	189	91	48	67
Jefferson, Jesse . . . .	4.38	7-16	0	31	212	214	103	86	97
Kirkwood, Don . . . . .	4.24	4-5	0	16	68	76	32	25	29
Lemanczyk, Dave . . . .	6.26	4-14	0	29	137	170	95	65	62
Moore, Balor . . . . .	4.93	6-9	0	37	144	165	79	54	75
Murphy, Tom . . . . .	3.93	6-9	7	50	94	87	41	37	35
Underwood, Tom . . . .	4.10	6-14	0	31	198	201	90	87	140
Wallace, Dave . . . . .	3.86	0-0	0	6	14	12	6	11	7
Wiley, Mark . . . . .	6.75	0-0	0	2	3	3	2	1	2
Willis, Mike . . . . .	4.56	3-7	7	44	100	104	51	39	52
1978 TOTALS . . . . .	4.55	59-102	23	161	1,429	1,529	723	614	758

BATTER	POS	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI
Alberts, Butch . . . .	DH	.278	6	18	1	5	0	0
Ashby, Alan . . . . .	C	.261	81	264	27	69	9	29
Ault, Doug . . . . .	1B	.240	54	104	10	25	3	7
Bailor, Bob . . . . .	IF-OF	.264	154	621	74	164	1	52
Bosetti, Rick . . . . .	OF	.259	136	568	61	147	5	42
Carty, Rico . . . . .	DH	.284	104	387	51	110	20	68
Cerone, Rick . . . . .	C	.223	88	282	25	63	3	20
Ewing, Sam . . . . .	OF	.179	40	56	3	10	2	9
Gomez, Luis . . . . .	SS-2B	.223	153	413	39	92	0	31
Horton, Willie . . . .	DH	.252	115	393	38	99	11	60
Howell, Roy . . . . .	3B	.270	140	551	67	149	8	61
Hutton, T. . . . .	IF-OF	.270	64	173	19	44	2	9
Iorg, Garth . . . . .	2B	.163	19	49	3	8	0	3
Johnson, Tim . . . . .	SS	.232	70	82	10	19	0	3
Mayberry, John . . . .	1B	.250	152	515	51	129	22	70
McKay, Dave . . . . .	IF	.238	145	504	59	120	7	45
Milner, Brian . . . . .	C	.444	2	9	3	4	0	2
Nordbrook, Tim . . . .	SS	.000	7	0	1	0	0	0
Upshaw, Willie . . . .	1B-OF	.237	95	224	26	53	1	17
Velez, Otto . . . . .	OF	.266	91	248	29	66	9	38
Whitt, Ernie . . . . .	C	.000	2	4	0	0	0	0
Woods, Al . . . . .	OF	.241	62	220	19	53	3	25
Woods, Gary . . . . .	OF	.158	8	19	1	3	0	0
Designated Hitters . .		.250	161	621	75	155	25	96
Pinch-Hitters . . . . .		.236	—	123	11	29	2	18
1978 TOTALS . . . . .		.250	161	5,430	590	1,358	98	550

## 1978 FINAL STANDINGS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB	WEST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB
New York . . . . .	100	63	.613	—	Kansas City . . . . .	92	70	.568	—
Boston . . . . .	99	64	.607	1	California . . . . .	87	75	.537	5
Milwaukee . . . . .	93	69	.574	6½	Texas . . . . .	87	75	.537	5
Baltimore . . . . .	90	71	.555	9	Minnesota . . . . .	73	89	.451	19
Detroit . . . . .	86	76	.531	13½	Chicago . . . . .	71	90	.441	20½
Cleveland . . . . .	69	90	.434	29	Oakland . . . . .	69	93	.426	23
Blue Jays . . . . .	59	102	.366	40	Seattle . . . . .	58	104	.350	35

ALCS: New York defeated Kansas City, three games to one.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB	WEST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia . . . . .	90	72	.556	—	Los Angeles . . . . .	95	67	.586	—
Pittsburgh . . . . .	88	73	.547	1½	Cincinnati . . . . .	92	69	.571	2½
Chicago . . . . .	79	83	.488	11	San Francisco . . . .	89	73	.549	6
Montreal . . . . .	76	86	.469	14	San Diego . . . . .	84	78	.519	11
St. Louis . . . . .	69	93	.426	21	Houston . . . . .	74	88	.457	21
New York . . . . .	66	96	.407	24	Atlanta . . . . .	69	73	.426	26

NLCS: Los Angeles defeated Philadelphia, three games to one.

WORLD SERIES: New York defeated Los Angeles, four games to two.

## 1978 MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING . . . . .	.333	Rod Carew	Minn
HOME RUNS . . . . .	46	Jim Rice	Bos
RBIs . . . . .	139	Jim Rice	Bos
STOLEN BASES . . . . .	68	Ron LeFlore	Det
PITCHING ERA . . . . .	1.74	Ron Guidry	NY
WINS . . . . .	25	Ron Guidry	NY
SAVES . . . . .	27	Rich Gossage	NY
STRIKEOUTS . . . . .	260	Nolan Ryan	Cal

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

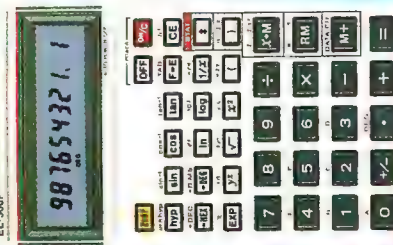
BATTING . . . . .	.334	Dave Parker	Pitt
HOME RUNS . . . . .	40	George Foster	Cin
RBIs . . . . .	120	George Foster	Cin
STOLEN BASES . . . . .	71	Omar Moreno	Pitt
PITCHING ERA . . . . .	2.43	Craig Swan	NY
WINS . . . . .	21	Gaylord Perry	SD
SAVES . . . . .	37	Rollie Fingers	SD
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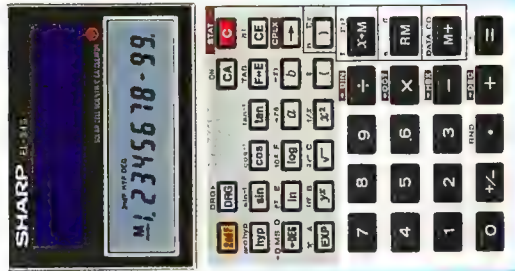
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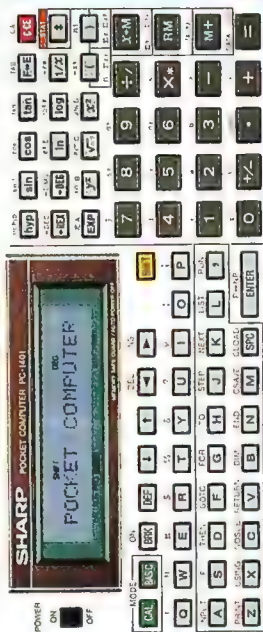
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# 1979

## THE JAYS' WORST SEASON SHOWS HOPE AS FUTURE STARS BEGIN TO GLIMMER



1979 was not a good season for baseball. Major league umpires went on strike early in the season, but the players refused to support them and games went on with amateurs replacing them. In

August, New York Yankees star Thurman Munson was killed in a plane crash. Willie Mays was barred from baseball by Commissioner Bowie Kuhn for taking a public relations job with a gambling casino. The game also had to deal with a new issue — women reporters in the locker rooms.

On the field, it was the worst season of all for the Blue Jays. During the off-season, several major trades seemed to strengthen the club. Rico Carty was re-acquired once again, and fans cheered the second coming of the popular slugger. With the catching in good hands, the Jays sent Alan Ashby to Houston for temperamental right-handed pitcher Mark Lemongello, fleet outfielder J.J. Cannon, and infielder Pedro Hernandez. It seemed to be an ideal trade: dispatching a veteran at the peak of his trade value in order to turn the position over to a younger player, in this case Rick Cerone. In the process, the club acquired three new young players, without weakening themselves at a key position. More controversial, however, was the deal that sent Victor Cruz to Cleveland for two unknown infielders. Cruz was the surprise of the bullpen in '78, and many fans thought he was worth more than what the Jays got: Carney Lansford's kid brother, Phil, and an untested Dominican shortstop named Alfredo Griffin, a 22-year-old who had played only 31 games.

After Griffin got off to a shaky start, hitting just .082 after the first three weeks, some thought the deal was a disaster. By the time the season was over, however, Griffin was co-holder of the American League Rookie of the Year title (with Minnesota's John Castino). He hit .287 and set new club marks for hits (179), runs (81), triples (10), and stolen bases

(21). He was a major reason the Blue Jays defense turned 186 double plays, second best in the league. In September, He hit a torrid .347 and was named the league's Player of the Month. Cruz?

He was 3-9 with a 4.22 ERA for Cleveland. He never again enjoyed success.

Griffin's debut season, however, was almost the only good thing to happen to the Blue Jays that year. The Jays were in the cellar before April ended and the wheels completely fell off the wagon before summer even started. The low point in all of Blue Jays history was a bleak period from April 15th to June 5th, a 48-game period in which the Jays managed just nine wins. They played .236 ball, a pace that would give them only 38 wins for the entire season. In other words, the Jays were in danger of having the worst season in all of major league history! They were 31½ games out of first place by July.

What happened? It was a team effort. A collapse of pitching and offense. The key players on whom the club counted suddenly, inexplicably, went awry. Rico Carty (who hit 31 homers with the Jays and Oakland the year before) saw his power output shrink to just 12 homers and 55 RBIs. Bob Bailor, who averaged .285 over the previous two seasons, fell nearly 60 points to .229. And the Jays' pitching staff had a combined 4.82 ERA, worst in the league. The big winner on the staff was Tom Underwood — with nine. Emerging young starter Jim Clancy was coming off a solid 1978 season and was expected to improve even further. In May, however, he suffered the first of two serious ankle injuries which would require surgery, turning his season into one of pain and frustration. Jim worked only 64 innings all year and had to watch as the young pitching staff searched in vain for stability and leadership.

Tom Underwood was the opening day starter and was expected to develop into the leader of the staff. He lost his first

### OPENING DAY AT KANSAS CITY

April 5, 1979

Royals 11  
Jays 2

Alfredo Griffin, ss  
Bob Bailor, rf  
Roy Howell, 3b  
Rico Carty, dh  
John Mayberry, 1b  
Rick Bosetti, cf  
Bobby Brown, lf  
Dave McKay, 2b  
Rick Cerone, c  
Tom Underwood, p

WP — Dennis Leonard  
LP — Tom Underwood  
SV — Steve Mingori  
HRS — None

Att — 37,754



nine decisions, however. Veteran Jesse Jefferson was expected to become the short reliever, but the starting pitching's collapse in April returned him to the starting rotation. It was his worst season yet, going 2-10 with a 5.51 ERA, with 10 starts. His 24 relief appearances resulted in one save, and that in September. The entire Jays' bullpen totalled a mere 11 saves all season, fewest in the majors. Walks continued to bedevil the Jays hurlers, who issued 654, the most in the majors and an average of four per game. Jays' opponents scored five and a third runs per game.

With Clancy's absence, the only starter consistent enough to work more than 200 innings was Tom Underwood (227). Rookie Phil Huffman found himself thrust into the rotation and the inexperienced youngster was tagged with 18 defeats and managed only six wins. (One of those, however, was an impressive one-hitter against Oakland on August 27th.) Huffman was expected to spend the season in the minors, but an impressive spring training earned him a spot on the staff.

Mark Lemongello was dispatched on July 25th with a 1-9 mark and a 6.29 ERA, his most memorable contributions of the season being several confrontations with no-nonsense manager Roy Hartsfield, the coaching staff, and the odd water cooler.

There were, as usual, bright spots, like wishing stars in a night sky, upon whom the fans gazed and dreamed of better days. The leadership role was assumed by unflappable veteran John Mayberry. His steadying influence on the young hitters had no immediately visible impact, but was certainly taken note of by Jays brass, who today employ him as a hitting instructor.

Roy Howell had his finest power production, clubbing 15 homers and driving in 72 runs. Rick Cerone made good on his end of the Alan Ashby trade, providing strong-armed defense and driving in 61 runs, most ever by a Blue Jays catcher until Ernie Whitt topped it last year with 64. Cerone impressed rival clubs by piling up his RBI totals batting ninth on the second-least productive offense in the league.

Dave Lemanczyk rebounded from his '78 debacle to post solid numbers and represented the Jays in the All-Star Game.

Tom Underwood, despite the bad luck that seemed to beset Jays lefties, recovered from his 0-9 start to go 9-7 the rest of the way and become the club's Pitcher of the Year.

With chances of improving the club's won-lost record all but gone by late spring, the Jays decided to concentrate on their real mission, player development. The hopes for the future rested on the amateur draft. A celebrated product of the '77 draft was former Brigham Young University basketball star Danny Ainge, a 6-foot 5-inch infielder. On May 21st, the club already 16½ games out, he was handed the second base job in place of Dave McKay. Despite flashes of his enormous promise, he went on to hit .237 with two homers and 19 runs batted in. We were all impatient for instant success, but it was not yet to be seen.

The real future was still down on the farm, nurtured in the sun at Dunedin of the Florida State League. Lloyd Moseby was busy hitting .332 with 18 homers and 84 RBIs at age 19. Jesse Barfield was adding muscle enough to his then-skinny frame to drive in 71 runs. But it was a young pitcher in his first full pro season on the mound who brought the promise of the future alive — and fast. In a meteoric rise, he was 5-0 at Dunedin before making the jump all the way to Syracuse. He went 5-2 there. On June 29th, he took the mound as a Blue Jay.

Welcome, Dave Stieb.

Farewell, Roy Hartsfield. He and his staff were fired after the season ended. Phase One was over. The time for building from within had begun.



## A multi-talented, six-foot-five-inch phenom, Danny Ainge was signed out of

Brigham Young University, where he was a basketball star. In order to compete with the allure of NCAA basketball and the NBA, the Blue Jays thrust him into the major leagues in less than a year

after signing. Hoped to develop into the team's third baseman of the future, the sophisticated nature of the game of baseball made it frustrating for the youngster to succeed at the major league level so soon. After a spectacular performance in the NCAA playoffs, Danny signed with the Boston Celtics, where today he is a standout guard with the NBA powerhouse team — a wise career move.

## Phil Huffman was just a 21-year-old right-hander when he stepped into the

Blue Jays starting rotation in 1979, a 34-game minor league career behind him. He was acquired from Oakland in the last month of the 1978 season for veteran Rico Carty and an impressive spring training earned him a spot on the Blue Jays in 1979. His first major league start was on Opening Day at Comiskey Park in front of a crowd of 41,043 fans (including his dad), when he got the decision in a 10-2 Blue Jays win. He was not so fortunate the rest of the year, losing 18 games against just six wins, one of those being a one-hitter against the A's in Toronto on August 27th. Phil was returned to the minors after 1979 and never again pitched for the Blue Jays.



## Lithe and graceful, 22-year-old Dominican short-stop Alfredo Griffin was a

co-winner of the 1979 American League Rookie of the Year Award for his stellar defense and fine .287 batting average. He shared the award with Minnesota's John Castino, the first major award ever to be won by a Blue Jay.



# 1979



**Oddly enough, Willie Upshaw appeared on his first major league baseball card in 1979 — a year he spent in the minor leagues! He did spend the previous season with the unpredictable Blue Jays, but only because he was the team's first-ever selection in the "major league draft." Back then, few were familiar with the rule, whereby a major league club could claim an unprotected minor leaguer only by keeping him on the big league club. The Jays have since made it familiar to at least Toronto fans, acquiring such stars as George Bell, Jim Acker, and Kelly Gruber the same way. Willie was originally signed in 1975 by two talented Yankees scouts, Dave Yoakum and a man named Pat Gillick. Willie went on to hit 12 homers and drive in 68 runs for Syracuse in 1979.**

**In his first full season as a pro, Dave Stieb made a meteoric rise all the way**

from Class A ball to the major leagues, and was second on the Blue Jays' staff in wins in only half a season! Dave was signed just a summer before, as a fifth round selection out of Southern Illinois University, where he was named to The Sporting News All-America team — as an outfielder! He hit only .192 at Dunedin, however, and became a full-time pitcher in 1979. He was quickly moved up to Syracuse after going 5-0 at Dunedin, posting a 5-2 mark in Class AAA, and going on to an 8-8 record for the Jays, giving him a combined 18-8 record for his first full season as a pitcher! Dave's first major league win came July 9, 1979, in a superb 7-1 complete game win over the Milwaukee Brewers. Dave is the club leader in nearly all pitching categories.



**Hard-nosed and aggressive, Rick Cerone emerged as the Jays' everyday**

catcher in 1979, providing solid defense as well as contributing 61 RBIs from the number nine spot in the batting order. He was traded to the New York Yankees after the '79 season and had to replace departed legend Thurman Munson. Rick loved the pressure, going on to hit .277 with 14 homers and 85 RBIs for the Yankees in 1980.



# 1979 BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

LABATT'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR . . . . . Alfredo Griffin  
 LABATT'S PITCHER OF THE YEAR . . . . . Tom Underwood  
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MANAGER	W	L	PCT	POS	GB	ATT.
Roy Hartsfield	53	109	.327	7th	50½	1,431,651

PITCHER	ERA	W-L	SV	G	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
Buskey, Tom . . . . .	3.43	6-10	7	44	79	74	30	25	44
Clancy, Jim . . . . .	5.51	2-7	0	12	64	65	39	31	33
Edge, Butch . . . . .	5.23	3-4	0	9	52	60	30	24	19
Freisleben, Dave . . . . .	4.95	2-3	3	42	91	101	50	54	33
Garvin, Jerry . . . . .	2.78	0-1	0	8	23	15	7	10	14
Grilli, Steve . . . . .	0.00	0-0	0	1	2	1	0	0	1
Huffman, Phil . . . . .	5.77	6-18	0	31	173	220	111	68	56
Jefferson, Jesse . . . . .	5.51	2-10	1	34	116	150	71	45	43
Kusick, Craig . . . . .	4.91	0-0	0	1	4	3	2	0	0
Lemanczyk, Dave . . . . .	3.71	8-10	0	22	143	137	59	45	63
Lemongello, Mark . . . . .	6.29	1-9	0	18	83	97	58	34	40
Luebber, Steve . . . . .	INF	0-0	0	1	0	2	1	1	0
Miller, Dyar . . . . .	10.57	0-0	0	10	15	27	18	5	7
Moore, Balor . . . . .	4.84	5-7	0	34	139	135	75	79	51
Murphy, Tom . . . . .	5.40	1-2	0	10	18	23	11	8	6
Stieb, Dave . . . . .	4.31	8-8	0	18	129	139	62	48	52
Todd, Jackson . . . . .	5.85	0-1	0	12	32	40	21	7	14
Underwood, Tom . . . . .	3.69	9-16	0	32	227	213	93	95	127
Willis, Mike . . . . .	8.44	0-3	0	17	27	35	25	15	8
1979 TOTALS . . . . .	4.81	53-109	11	162	1,417	1,537	758	594	611

BATTER	POS	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI
Ainge, Dan . . . . .	2B	.237	87	308	26	73	2	19
Bailor, Bob . . . . .	3B-OF	.229	130	414	50	95	1	38
Bosetti, Rick . . . . .	OF	.260	162	619	59	161	8	65
Brown, Bobby . . . . .	OF	.000	4	10	1	0	0	0
Cannon, J.J. . . . .	OF	.211	61	142	14	30	1	5
Carty, Rico . . . . .	DH	.256	132	461	48	118	12	55
Cerone, Rick . . . . .	C	.239	136	469	47	112	7	61
Davis, Bob . . . . .	C	.124	32	89	6	11	1	8
Gomez, Luis . . . . .	IF	.239	59	163	11	39	0	11
Griffin, Alfredo . . . . .	SS	.287	153	624	81	179	2	31
Hernandez, Pedro . . . . .	IF	.000	3	0	1	0	0	0
Howell, Roy . . . . .	3B	.247	138	511	60	126	15	72
Johnson, Tim . . . . .	IF	.186	43	86	6	16	0	6
Kusick, Craig . . . . .	1B	.222	48	108	11	24	5	13
Mayberry, John . . . . .	1B	.274	137	464	61	127	21	74
McKay, Dave . . . . .	IF	.218	47	156	19	34	0	12
Robertson, Bob . . . . .	1B	.103	15	29	1	3	1	1
Solaita, Tony . . . . .	1B	.265	36	102	14	27	2	13
Velez, Otto . . . . .	OF	.288	99	274	45	79	15	48
Wilborn, Ted . . . . .	OF	.000	22	12	3	0	0	0
Woods, Al . . . . .	OF	.278	132	436	57	121	5	36
Designated Hitters . . . . .		.260	162	599	70	156	18	82
Pinch-Hitters . . . . .		.231	—	52	5	12	4	14
1979 TOTALS . . . . .		.251	162	5,423	613	1,362	95	562

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## 1979 FINAL STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE									
EAST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB	WEST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB
Baltimore . . . . .	102	57	.642	—	California . . . . .	88	74	.543	—
Milwaukee . . . . .	95	66	.590	8	Kansas City . . . . .	85	77	.525	3
Boston . . . . .	91	69	.569	11½	Texas . . . . .	83	79	.512	5
New York . . . . .	89	71	.556	13½	Minnesota . . . . .	82	80	.506	6
Detroit . . . . .	85	76	.528	18	Chicago . . . . .	78	87	.456	14
Cleveland . . . . .	81	80	.503	22	Seattle . . . . .	67	95	.414	21
Blue Jays . . . . .	53	109	.327	50½	Oakland . . . . .	54	108	.333	34

ALCS: Baltimore defeated California, three games to one.

NATIONAL LEAGUE									
EAST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB	WEST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB
Pittsburgh . . . . .	98	64	.605	—	Cincinnati . . . . .	90	71	.559	—
Montreal . . . . .	95	65	.594	2	Houston . . . . .	89	73	.543	1½
St. Louis . . . . .	86	76	.531	12	Los Angeles . . . . .	79	83	.488	11½
Philadelphia . . . . .	84	78	.519	14	San Francisco . . . . .	71	91	.438	19½
Chicago . . . . .	80	82	.494	18	San Diego . . . . .	68	93	.422	22
New York . . . . .	63	99	.389	35	Atlanta . . . . .	66	94	.413	23½

NLCS: Pittsburgh defeated Cincinnati, three games to none.

WORLD SERIES: Pittsburgh defeated Baltimore, four games to three.

## 1979 MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE				NATIONAL LEAGUE			
BATTING . . . . .	.333	Fred Lynn	Bos	BATTING . . . . .	.344	Keith Hernandez	StL
HOME RUNS . . . . .	25	Gorman Thomas	Mil	HOME RUNS . . . . .	48	Dave Kingman	Chi
RBIs . . . . .	139	Don Baylor	Cal	RBIs . . . . .	118	Dave Winfield	SD
STOLEN BASES . . . . .	83	Willie Wilson	KC	STOLEN BASES . . . . .	77	Omar Moreno	Pitt
PITCHING ERA . . . . .	2.78	Ron Guidry	NY	PITCHING ERA . . . . .	2.71	J. R. Richard	Hou
WINS . . . . .	23	Mike Flanagan	Balt	WINS . . . . .	21	Phil Niekro	Atl
STRIKEOUTS . . . . .	223	Nolan Ryan	Cal	WINS . . . . .	21	Joe Niekro	Hou

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# 1980

## WITH A NEW MANAGER THE JAYS BOUNCE BACK FOR THEIR BEST SEASON YET



The Jays' fourth season began with a brand new manager and coaching staff. Bob Mattick was a 63-year-old rookie at the helm, but he had spent over 40 years in baseball. He was the Blue Jays' scouting supervisor and responsible for the signing and development of the Jays' young players. In the course of scouting them, signing them and working with them in the minors and in the Instructional League, he was familiar with the progress and history of every player in the organization. Now that the youngsters were on the brink of maturity, who better than the man who planted the seeds to oversee the harvest?

Mattick, a genuinely approachable and likeable man, had a reputation as one of baseball's finest communicators and teachers. He brought a relaxed atmosphere to the club, and the young Jays responded by playing the best baseball of their short history. It was a complete turnaround from the previous season, and on June 5th the Jays were playing over .500, at 24-23.

The fun was back in Blue Jays baseball in a new way.

Before the season began, the Jays made several bold player moves in addition to changing managers and coaches. Three key performers from the past were dealt. Tom Underwood and Rick Cerone were sent to the Yankees in exchange for star first baseman Chris Chambliss, left-handed pitcher Paul Mirabella, and a minor league infielder by the name of Damaso Garcia. Chambliss was not acquired to replace John Mayberry. He was quickly traded to Atlanta for outfielder Barry Bonnell and reliever Joey McLaughlin, a 23-year-old right-hander.

The starting rotation was re-shaped around youngsters Jim Clancy (already a three-year veteran) and our first home-grown star, Dave Stieb, along with Mirabella and veterans Dave Lemanczyk and Jesse Jefferson. Southpaw Jerry Garvin had made the transition from starter, taking his forkball to the

bullpen to join McLaughlin and veteran righty Balor Moore.

The catching, with the departure of Ashby in '79 and Cerone in '80, would be left to original Blue Jay Ernie Whitt and veteran Bob

Davis, picked up during spring training. Whitt played in 106 games, finally getting his chance after appearing in only 25 games in three years under Roy Hartsfield. He was 27 years old and reaching the prime of his career.

The outfield seemed to have more versatility and punch as well. Bailor, Bosetti, and Woods were joined by Bonnell and a reinvigorated Otto Velez, who came to life once the season started after a bad spring.

The chemistry seemed to work. Early in the year, the Jays were actually in first place, a position they held for most of late April to mid-May. It looked as if this might, just might, be the year they would begin moving on up. The division title was a goal for that vaguely-distant future. In these early days, our dreams were confined to imagining the view from the lofty heights of sixth place. The dream looked attainable when on May 4th the Jays swept a double-header from the Cleveland Indians, their usual upstairs neighbours. It was a terrific day for reliever Tom Buskey, who got the win in both games. But it was a once-in-a-lifetime 10-RBI day for Otto Velez. "The Swatto" clubbed four homers that afternoon, three in the first game, including a grand slam. Jays fans responded with the most enthusiastic standing ovations yet heard at the ballpark.

On Opening Day in Seattle, John Mayberry proved he was the first baseman to keep by belting the first two of his still-unbroken club record 30 homers. Alvis Woods responded to manager Mattick's confidence-building chats in spring training with the best season of his career, combining a .300 average with 15 home runs. Barry Bonnell's first American League season was a smash as well, with career-best totals of 13

### OPENING DAY AT HOME

April 9, 1980

Mariners 8  
Jays 6

Alfredo Griffin, ss  
Bob Bailor, rf  
John Mayberry, 1b  
Otto Velez, dh  
Roy Howell, 3b  
Barry Bonnell, lf  
Rick Bosetti, cf  
Damaso Garcia, 2b  
Ernie Whitt, c  
Dave Lemanczyk, p  
WP — Mike Parrott  
LP — Dave Lemanczyk  
SV — Dave Heaverlo  
HR — Mayberry (2)  
Simpson

Att — 22,588



homers and 56 RBIs. The Jays finally had a credible offense.

Just when the Jays were rocking opposing pitchers and rolling up impressive win totals, the offense was thrown out of tune. It could be blamed on "bad breaks" — real ones. Bob Bailor broke his wrist. Rick Bosetti broke his arm. Barry Bonnell broke his cheekbone when he was hit by a pitch. And just as the Jays were about to enter the always-tough, often-cruel month of September, they lost Otto Velez (and his 20 homers) thanks to a car accident which fractured his cheekbone, sending the team into a nosedive.

Despite the breaks, the Jays managed to win more games than ever before — 67. What most people noticed, however, was that they didn't lose a hundred, for the first time ever. The improvement was due to the pitching staff, which was stabilized behind youngsters Clancy and Stieb, who combined for 25 wins. Jays pitchers allowed a full 100 fewer runs than in '79, and moved from worst in the majors to a respectable ninth in the league.

Clancy, the three-year veteran, was the ace. He won 13 games with a then-club record 3.30 ERA, and was sixth in the league in strikeouts with 152, most ever for a Blue Jays pitcher. Dave Stieb, just 22, was named the American League Pitcher of the Month for April — the first Jays pitcher ever to win the honour — with a 3-0 record and 1.09 ERA. His outstanding first half (7-6, 3.10 at the break) led to his selection as the Jays' representative in the All-Star game, the youngest pitcher chosen.

Jerry Garvin responded to his new role as reliever by picking up 8 saves and fashioning a 2.29 ERA. Dave Lemanczyk was now 30 and, after going 2-5 with a 5.40 ERA in early June, was dealt to California as the Jays decided to go with burly young right-hander Luis Leal, just called up from Syracuse.

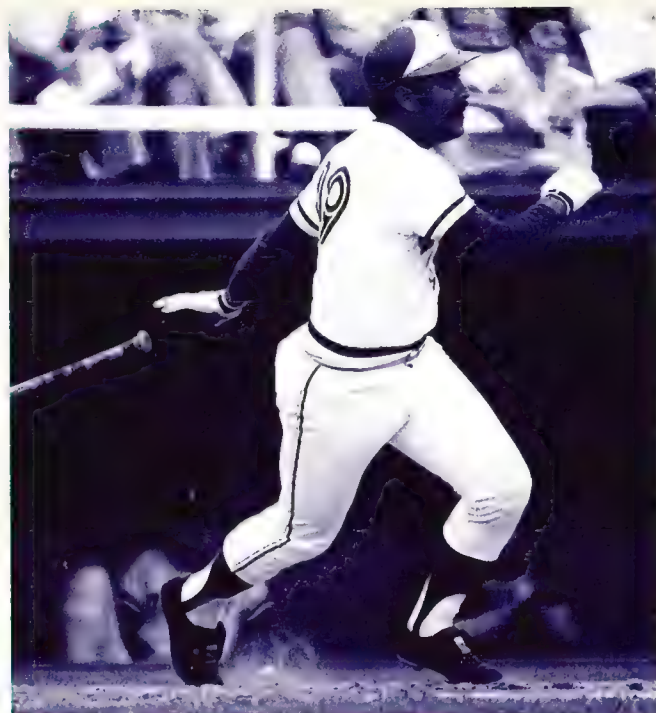
The Danny Ainge experiment continued, with less satisfying results. On May 24th, the Jays decided to give often-injured original Blue Jay Garth Iorg a shot at second base after hitting .281 in '79 and .299 in '80 at Syracuse. The position belonged to newly-acquired Damaso Garcia, however, for most of the time, and he hit a solid .278. In addition, he and shortstop Alfredo Griffin combined to give the Jays first-rate defense, and were a major factor in the club's new league record 206 double plays.

It was also the year Lloyd Moseby made his debut. Destined to start the year at Syracuse (already a leap from Class A) the outfield injuries led to his call-up on May 24th as well. He was hitting .322 at the time and made his major league debut memorable, going two for four with a double against the Yankees. The next day he hit his first major league homer (off Tommy John) and drove in four runs to pace a 9-6 Jays win.

Most of baseball was hardly impressed with the Jays' improvement. Everyone followed George Brett's attempt to hit .400. (He ended up at .390, with a case of hemorrhoids, and led the Royals into the World Series for the first of their two times.) Player salaries continued to skyrocket and dark clouds loomed over negotiations with the players' union. Rickey Henderson stole 100 bases and baseball reached record attendance once again. Almost no one noticed the slow, almost-imperceptible process by which the Blue Jays were being forged into a different ballclub.

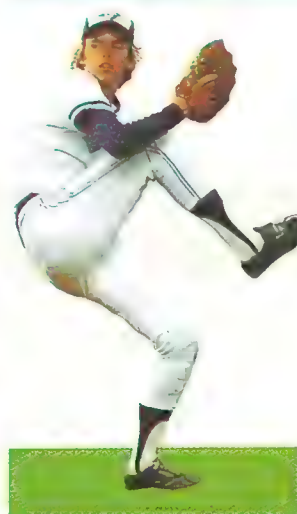
By the end of 1980, most of the key players from the early years would be gone in favour of a new group of youngsters. The 1980 season was the last for mainstays and early heroes such as Bob Bailor, Doug Ault, Roy Howell, Dave Lemanczyk, Jesse Jefferson and Balor Moore, none of whom would ever again wear a Blue Jays uniform. Quietly arriving on the scene were new members of the team. Here to stay were five guys named Garcia, Iorg, Moseby, Upshaw and Whitt.

We now know them all by their first names.



**One of the Jays' early fan favourites, Otto Velez provided many memorable moments in a six-year career as a Blue Jay from 1977 to 1982. He was named American**

League Player of the Month in the Jays' first month ever, April 1977, when he hit .442 with 5 homers and 18 RBIs in just 17 games. His biggest day ever provided one of the most unforgettable performances in Blue Jays history. On May 4, 1980, Otto swatted four home runs in a double-header against the Cleveland Indians, one of them a grand slam, accounting for 10 runs batted in!

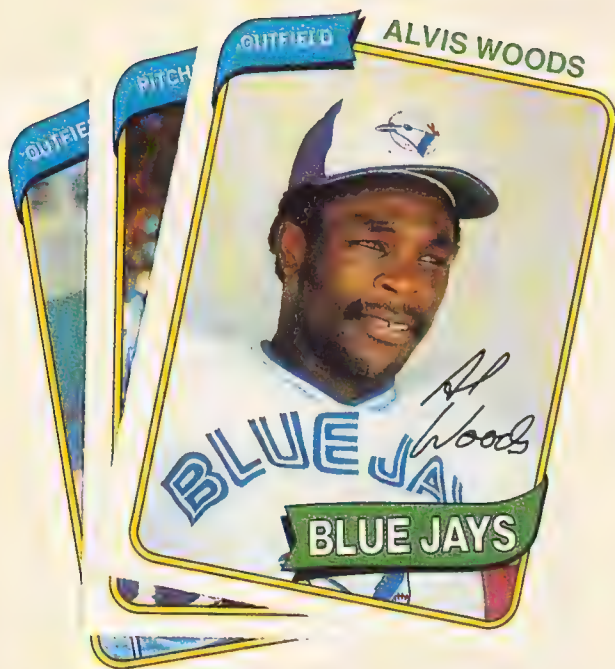


**Jerry Garvin became the Jays' top reliever in 1980 after being moved to the**

bullpen the year before. He appeared in 61 games, compiling eight saves and a 4-7 record with a 2.28 ERA. His most dramatic save came against the Brewers on July 13th, when he entered the game with the bases loaded and a 3-0 count on the hit-

ter — and kept them from scoring! In six seasons, Jerry compiled a 20-41 record with a 4.46 ERA. His 196 appearances rank third all-time and his 320 strikeouts put him in fifth place in club history. He holds several single-season records for a left-hander, such as complete games (12) and innings pitched (245) set in 1977.





# 1980

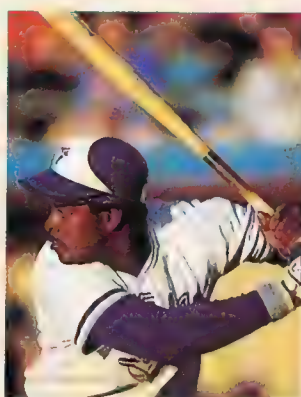
**Boosted by new manager Bob Mattick's confidence, Al Woods combined average with power in 1980, hitting an even .300 with 15 home runs, his best of six years as a Blue Jays left-fielder.** He had six hits in six consecutive at bats on July 20-21, 1980. Al was selected from the Minnesota Twins in the 1976 expansion draft. In his very first major league at bat, Al hit a pinch hit home run, only the 11th player in major league history to accomplish the feat. The blast came in the fifth inning of the Jays' very first game, April 7, 1977 off White Sox reliever Franciso Barrios.



**Emerging as the leader of the pitching staff in 1980, Jim Clancy enjoyed the best season by any Blue Jay starter over the first four years.** His 13-16 record could easily have been better, as evidenced by his fine 3.30 ERA. His 152 strikeouts were sixth in the league. Of his 13 wins, 10 came against West Division clubs, most of his tough-luck losses

coming against East clubs, losing four one-run games in a row despite pitching well through one heartbreaking stretch in September.

**The last left-handed starter for the Blue Jays prior to Jimmy Key was Paul Mirabella, who was with the team in 1980 and 1981.** When Paul got the win over Boston on October 4, 1980, it would be the last by a Jay lefty starter in 614 games over four years!



**One of the best first basemen of the seventies, Big John Mayberry came to the Blue Jays the day before the 1978 season.** In 1980, he clubbed 30 home runs, a team record that still stands. John hit 92 home runs (a team record until 1986) in just over four seasons with the Jays, before he gave way to Willie Upshaw in 1982.

**New manager Bob Mattick's relaxed approach and emphasis on player**

development and instruction brought out the best in several of the young Blue Jays in 1980.

Although at 64 he was a rookie manager, Bob had nearly a half-

century of experience in baseball before he took over the helm. He came to the Blue Jays as a scouting supervisor and was familiar with every young player in the organization. In his first of two years as manager, Bob improved the Jays' win total to 67, a 14-game improvement over 1979. He remains as a Blue Jays vice-president today.





# 1980 BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

MANAGER	W	L	PCT	POS	GB	ATT.
Bob Mattick	67	95	.414	7th	36	1,400,327
LABATT'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR..... John Mayberry						
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PITCHER	ERA	W-L	SV	G	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
Bailor, Bob.....	7.71	0-0	0	3	2	4	2	1	0
Barlow, Mike.....	4.09	3-1	5	40	55	57	25	21	19
Buskey, Tom.....	4.46	3-1	0	33	67	68	33	26	34
Clancy, Jim.....	3.30	13-16	0	34	251	217	92	128	152
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Jefferson, Jesse....	5.47	4-13	0	29	122	130	74	52	53
Kucek, Jack.....	6.75	3-8	1	23	68	83	51	41	35
Leal, Luis.....	4.53	3-4	0	13	60	72	30	31	26
Lemanczyk, Dave....	5.40	2-5	0	10	43	57	26	15	10
McLaughlin, Joey....	4.51	6-9	4	55	136	159	68	53	70
Mirabella, Paul.....	4.34	5-12	0	33	131	151	63	66	53
Moore, Balor.....	5.29	1-1	1	31	65	76	38	21	22
Schrom, Ken.....	5.23	1-0	1	17	31	32	18	19	13
Stieb, Dave.....	3.71	12-15	0	34	242	232	100	83	108
Todd, Jackson.....	4.02	5-2	0	12	85	90	38	30	34
Willis, Mike.....	1.71	2-1	3	20	26	25	5	11	14
1980 TOTALS.....	4.19	67-95	23	162	1,466	1,523	683	635	705

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Howell, Roy.....	3B	.269	142	528	51	142	10	57
Iorg, Garth.....	IF	.248	80	222	24	55	2	14
Kelly, Pat.....	C	.286	3	7	0	2	0	0
Macha, Mike.....	3B-C	.000	5	8	0	0	0	0
Mayberry, John....	1B	.248	149	501	62	124	30	82
Moseby, Lloyd....	OF	.229	114	389	44	89	9	46
Ramos, Domingo....	IF	.125	5	16	0	2	0	0
Stieb, Dave.....	P-OF	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0
Upshaw, Willie....	1B	.213	34	61	10	13	1	5
Velez, Otto.....	DH-1B	.269	104	357	54	96	20	62
Whitt, Ernie.....	C	.237	106	295	23	70	6	34
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## 1980 FINAL STANDINGS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB	WEST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB
New York	103	59	.636	—	Kansas City	97	65	.599	—
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Milwaukee	86	76	.531	17	Minnesota	77	84	.478	19½
Boston	83	77	.519	19	Texas	76	85	.472	20½
Detroit	84	78	.519	19	Chicago	70	90	.438	26
Cleveland	79	81	.494	23	California	65	95	.408	31
Blue Jays	67	95	.414	36	Seattle	59	103	.364	38

ALCS: Kansas City defeated New York, three games to none.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB	WEST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	91	71	.562	—	Houston	93	70	.571	—
Montreal	90	72	.556	1	Los Angeles	92	71	.564	1
Pittsburgh	83	79	.512	8	Cincinnati	89	73	.549	3½
St. Louis	74	88	.457	17	Atlanta	81	80	.503	11
New York	67	95	.414	24	San Francisco	75	86	.466	17
Chicago	64	98	.395	27	San Diego	73	89	.451	19½

NLCS: Philadelphia defeated Houston, three games to two.

WORLD SERIES: Philadelphia defeated Kansas City, four games to two.

## 1980 MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING	.390	George Brett	KC
HOME RUNS	41	Ben Oglivie	Mil
HOME RUNS	41	Reggie Jackson	NY
RBIs	122	Cecil Cooper	Mil
STOLEN BASES	100	Rickey Henderson	Oak
PITCHING ERA	2.47	Rudy May	NY
WINS	25	Steve Stone	Balt

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING	.324	Bill Buckner	Chi
HOME RUNS	48	Mike Schmidt	Phil
RBIs	121	Mike Schmidt	Phil
STOLEN BASES	97	Ron LeFlore	Mil
PITCHING ERA	2.21	Don Sutton	LA
WINS	24	Steve Carlton	Phil
STRIKEOUTS	33	Steve Carlton	Phil

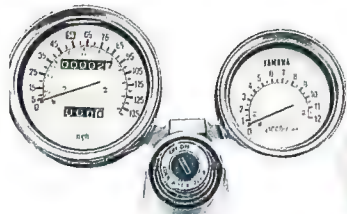
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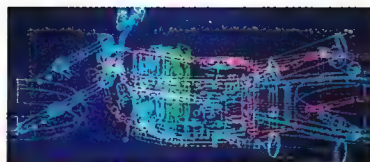
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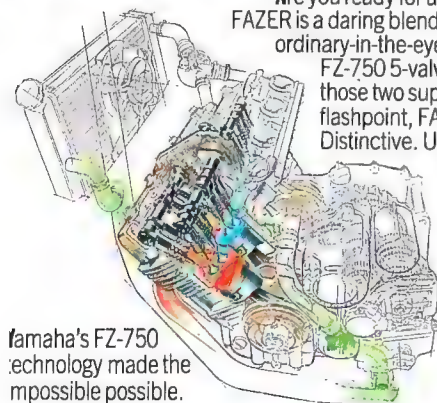


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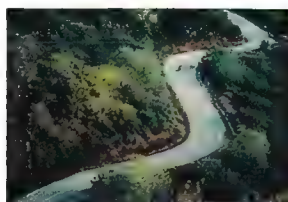
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# 1981

## THE PLAYERS' STRIKE SPLITS THE SEASON IN TWO AS THE JAYS TAKE FLIGHT

It was a year that changed baseball forever. It was the year of The Strike. A players' walkout on June 12th deprived us of major league baseball for most of the heart of summer. When they returned to action in mid-August, a third of the season already was gone for good.

The Strike's effects are still seen in baseball's otherwise harmonious and uniform record-keeping. Looking at 1981 statistics, the Strike is an ugly scar, a permanent reminder of a wound, the "split season."

While the sun baked down on empty ballparks, something remarkable was happening to the Blue Jays. Without playing a game, they were somehow being transformed into a winning ballclub. The chasm in the middle of the 1981 season stands as the turning point in the history of the Blue Jays. In four and a half seasons before the Strike, the Blue Jays were 249-455, for a .354 winning percentage. When the season started up again, the Blue Jays were becoming one of the best teams in baseball. After the Strike, the Blue Jays were 376-319, for a .541 winning percentage through the end of 1985. Before the Strike, the Jays averaged only 57 wins per season. Afterwards, they averaged 88 per year, 31 wins a year better. An overnight success? Hardly.

The transformation of the Blue Jays was a slow process, like the fitting together of pieces in a puzzle. By the end of 1981, most of the important pieces were in place. A young pitching staff was headed by Dave Stieb and Jim Clancy. The rest of the team included most of the important members of the current defending division-champions. It was a process of building that required patience and risk, not to mention exhaustive scouting to find and sign players not subject to the draft. One such find was a skinny Dominican 18-year-old shortstop named Tony Fernandez. He would end up all the way at Syracuse and hit .278 in a quick rise from Class A.



The fact that the Blue Jays were a different ballclub was not apparent at the time, certainly not on the field. The season started abysmally. At the time of the Strike, the Jays were 16-42, with a horrible

.276 winning percentage. The team batting average was an anemic .218. At the rate they were playing, they would have won only 45 games and lost 117 in a full season, the worst season in league history.

When play resumed on August 10th, however, the Jays responded by playing .500 ball until the last two weeks of the season. Perhaps they were fueled by having to see the ignominious statistics frozen each day in the sports pages for the 59 days of the Strike. Perhaps the time off

gave them cause for introspection? Who knows? And only in hindsight does the "split-season" take on greater significance. At the time, the second-half finish seemed only to bring the Jays back up to the level of the previous humble performances. Adjusted for a 162-game season, the Jays would have won only 56 games, about usual for them at that point in history.

The first half ended with the Jays playing their worst baseball ever, but the second half became a preview of coming attractions for the Blue Jays. The pitching staff led the way, with a strong showing that not only kept the club in the thick of the mini-pennant race for most of the way, but finished up with a 3.81 earned run average, their best to date, a full earned run per game improvement since the dismal '79 season. The Jays were led by Dave Stieb, then 23, who became the first Jays' regular starter ever to win more games than he lost, going 11-10, and setting yet another team mark with his 3.10 ERA. Jim Clancy, who looked brilliant in spring training, suffered yet another injury-plagued season, with severe tendonitis hampering him all year. He slipped to 6-12. For the first time, however, the Jays had two competent relievers in the bullpen.

### OPENING DAY AT HOME

April 9, 1981

Tigers 6  
Jays 2

Alfredo Griffin, ss  
Lloyd Moseby, cf  
Otto Velez, dh  
John Mayberry, 1b  
Willie Upshaw, lf  
Damaso Garcia, 2b  
Barry Bannell, rf  
Danny Ainge, 3b  
Ernie Whitt, c  
Jim Clancy, p

WP — Jack Morris  
LP — Joey McLaughlin  
HR — Hebner

Att — 51,452



Joey McLaughlin picked up 10 saves and fashioned a 2.85 ERA. Roy Lee Jackson (acquired before the season from the Mets for popular Bob Bailer) chipped in seven saves and a 2.61 ERA. Joining the starting rotation was Venezuelan right-hander Luis Leal, who joined the club in 1980. He went 7-13.

The pitching, however, couldn't carry the league's worst offense and defense. The club batting average was just .226, and the once-powerful designated hitter position combined for a mere .212 average with just 13 homers and 36 RBIs. The Jays were uncharacteristically sloppy in the field, too, finishing dead last, leading the league in errors and turning only 102 double plays, fewer than half the previous year's total.

Anchorman Alfredo Griffin suffered his worst season. Deprived of playing in the warm weather months during which he usually excelled, he hit just .209 and made 31 errors. The Danny Ainge experiment moved to third base, a position which he fielded well, but couldn't hold down with his .187 batting average after he arrived late, due to his heroics in the NCAA basketball tournament. After being drafted by the Boston Celtics of the NBA, Ainge took his skills to the hardwood, where he currently is a key member of the NBA powerhouse.

At the plate, the Jays got a sizzling second half from Damaso Garcia, who was hitting at a .375 clip when he was hit by a pitch that broke his wrist. Barry Bonnell also missed the last six weeks of the season, this time due to a knee injury. Alvis Woods slumped badly from his fine 1980, however, and with the departure of Bob Bailer, the outfield suddenly had room for two more young players to join Lloyd Moseby. Jesse Barfield made his debut in September at Comiskey Park in front of his family and hometown friends. It was a smash. He drove in six runs in four games. Also appearing in part-time duty was George Bell, who began hitting his way into the lineup immediately after the strike ended, going .310 for the rest of August. It was Moseby's first full season and he tied for the club RBI lead with John Mayberry (43).

The early September series in Chicago was a real preview of things to come for the Blue Jays. After losing the first game they went on to sweep the next three. It was the first time that the Jays played a new trio of young outfielders. On September 3rd, the outfield was, for the first time ever, George Bell, Lloyd Moseby, and Jesse Barfield. They were each just 21 years old, all having been born within two weeks of each other. Although they finished the season hitting within a point of each other, combining to bat just .233, no one knew what marvelous feats this trio would accomplish over the next five years.

The year 1981, then, becomes a turning point. The low points were low and very apparent but the high points were almost invisible at the time. No greater ignominy was ever heaped on the Blue Jays than on a cold night in Cleveland, May 15th, when the Indians' Len Barker pitched a perfect game, the only one ever against the Blue Jays and the first in 13 years in the American League. The Jays' offense was shut out 20 times that season.

The headlines that year were taken up by the Strike, by the remarkable debut of a 19-year-old Mexican pitcher named Fernando Valenzuela, and the Montreal Expos finally making it to the National League playoffs. It was a good year for baseball, when they got around to playing it.

It was a great year for the Blue Jays, although no one knew it. The long nights of losing were about to end, and a brand new day was dawning. After five long seasons, the Blue Jays finally had a past — because the future had finally arrived.

At the season's end, Bob Mattick handed over the reins to a new manager, Bobby Cox, with a young team ready to play.



### **A minor league teammate of Jays catcher Ernie Whitt, right-handed pitcher Mark Bomback came to the Blue Jays and teamed up again with his old batterymate in**

1981 after the New York Mets sent him to the Jays in the final days of spring training. Mark filled in admirably in the starting rotation going 5-5 with a 3.89 ERA, and, like much of the rest of the pitching staff, finished strong, with a 1.98 ERA in the final month of the strike-torn season. Although he got the Opening Day pitching assignment in 1982, Mark lasted less than an inning in that game and was released by the club in mid-season after going 1-5 with a 6.03 ERA in 16 games.

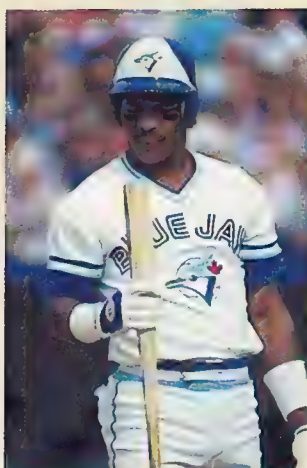


### **The Jays traded popular Bob Bailer to the New York Mets for Roy Lee Jackson**

in order to shore up the bullpen for 1981. Jackson, like his bullpen mate Joey McLaughlin, came on strong in the second-half of the season, posting a 1.53 ERA over that period and collected four of his seven saves in August, contributing to the club's improvement. He started the 1981

season on an auspicious note, preserving a 5-1 win over New York for Jim Clancy to collect his first major league save after parts of four seasons in the National League. Roy Lee spent four seasons with the Blue Jays before he was released prior to the 1985 season. He posted 10 saves for his career high in 1984. He ranks second all-time to Joey McLaughlin in saves as a Blue Jay with 30.





### The Jays landed 21-year-old outfielder George Bell in the major league draft

from the Philadelphia Phillies organization and had to keep him on the major league roster for all of 1981. It was a gamble for the club, as the young Dominican had an injured shoulder and was disabled for the better

part of 1980, his first in Class AA. After a spectacular 1979 in Class A ball that saw him hit 22 home runs and drive in 102 runs while hitting .305. George spent the whole season in Toronto, and hit five homers off major league pitching despite never before spending a full season above Class A ball. George and Lloyd Moseby were the youngest players on the roster that season, and later in the year were joined by Jesse Barfield in a September experiment that proved a delightful preview of things to come. On September 3rd, the Blue Jays started Bell, Moseby, and Barfield together in the outfield for the first time ever. They were all just 21 years of age!



### Besppectacled right-hander Joey McLaughlin looked to be the relief ace the Jays

had so long needed when he posted 10 saves in the strike-shortened season, five of them in the month of September. He had a spectacular debut with the Blue Jays in 1980, striking out all three batters he faced in his first American League game, coming over from Atlanta with Barry

Bonnell for Chris Chambliss and Luis Gomez. His 1982 season was a marked improvement from 1981, and earned him the baseball writers' Most Improved Player award. He finished the season with a spectacular September which saw him post an impressive 0.63 ERA in 10 games. The promise of 1982, however, was never fulfilled and the big right-hander became the symbol of fan frustration over bullpen failures which were magnified after the Jays became contenders. In his four-plus seasons with the Jays, Joey won 22 and lost 24 with a 3.88 ERA in 195 games until he was released in 1984. Joey is still the team's all-time leader in saves with 31.

# 1981



**The Shaker was just 21 and already in his second season as a regular in 1981. He led the club in runs, hits, and total bases, tying for the lead in RBIs for the strike-ravaged season. He spent only two and a half seasons in the minors, batting .304 at Medicine Hat, .332 at Dunedin, and was hitting .322 for Syracuse when he was called up from the Chiefs on May 24, 1980.**



### Nino Espinosa's pitching career with the Blue Jays consisted of just one inning

in one game in 1981, giving up a run on four hits to Oakland on September 23rd. He worked one fewer inning on the mound for the club than did Bob Bailor, who wasn't even a pitcher! In 1979, a pitcher named Steve Luebber never got anyone out in his sole appearance.



# 1981 BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

MANAGER	W	L	PCT	POS	GB	ATT.
Bob Mattick	16	42	.276	7th	19	
(split season)	21	27	.438	7th	7½	755,083
LABATT'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR.....						Dave Stieb
LABATT'S PITCHER OF THE YEAR.....						Dave Stieb
BBWAA PLAYER OF THE YEAR.....						Dave Stieb
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MOST IMPROVED PLAYER.....						Joey McLaughlin

PITCHER	ERA	W-L	SV	G	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
Barlow, Mike.....	4.20	0-0	0	12	15	22	7	6	5
Berenguer, Juan....	4.31	2-9	0	12	71	62	34	35	29
Bomback, Mark.....	3.89	5-5	0	20	90	84	39	35	33
Clancy, Jim.....	4.90	6-12	0	22	125	126	68	64	56
Espinosa, Nino.....	9.00	0-0	0	1	1	4	1	0	0
Garvin, Jerry.....	3.40	1-2	0	35	53	46	20	23	25
Jackson, Roy Lee...	2.61	1-2	7	39	62	65	18	25	27
Leal, Luis.....	3.68	7-13	1	29	130	127	53	44	71
McLaughlin, Joey...	2.85	1-5	10	40	60	55	19	21	38
Mirabella, Paul....	7.36	0-0	0	8	15	20	12	7	9
Murray, Dale.....	1.17	1-0	0	11	15	12	2	5	12
Stieb, Dave.....	3.19	11-10	0	25	184	148	65	61	89
Todd, Jackson.....	3.96	2-7	0	21	98	94	43	31	41
Willis, Mike.....	5.91	0-4	0	20	35	43	23	20	16
1981 TOTALS.....	3.81	37-69	18	106	953	908	404	377	451

BATTER	POS	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI
Ainge, Danny	IF-OF	.187	86	246	20	46	0	14
Barfield, Jesse	OF	.232	25	95	7	22	2	9
Beamon, Charlie	1B	.200	8	15	1	3	0	0
Bell, George...	OF	.233	60	163	19	38	5	12
Bonnell, Barry	OF	.220	66	227	21	50	4	28
Bosetti, Rick...	OF	.234	25	47	5	11	0	4
Cox, Ted.....	IF	.300	16	50	6	15	2	9
Garcia, Damaso	2B	.252	64	250	24	63	1	13
Griffin, Alfredo	SS	.209	101	388	30	81	0	21
Iorg, Garth.....	IF	.242	70	215	17	52	0	10
Macha, Ken....	IF-C	.200	37	85	4	17	0	6
Manrique, Fred	IF	.143	14	28	1	4	0	1
Martinez, Buck...	C	.227	45	128	13	29	4	21
Mayberry, John	1B	.248	94	290	34	72	17	43
Moseby, Lloyd...	OF	.233	100	378	36	88	9	43
Stieb, Dave.....	PR	.000	1	0	1	0	0	0
Upshaw, Willie	1B	.171	61	111	15	19	4	10
Velez, Otto.....	1B	.213	80	240	32	51	11	28
Wells, Greg.	1B-DH	.247	32	73	7	18	0	5
Whitmer, Dan...	C	.111	7	9	0	1	0	0
Whitt, Ernie.....	C	.236	74	195	16	46	1	16
Woods, Al.....	OF	.247	85	288	20	71	1	21
Designated Hitters		.212	106	363	45	77	13	36
Pinch-Hitters		.234	-	77	4	18	1	15
1981 TOTALS		.226	106	3,521	329	797	61	314

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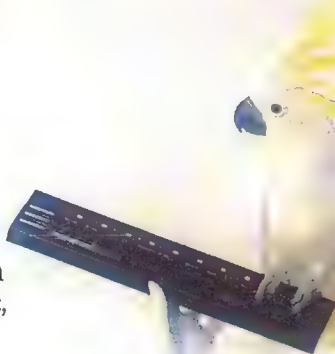
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## 1981 FINAL STANDINGS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB	WEST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	62	47	.569	—	Oakland	64	45	.587	—
Baltimore	59	46	.562	1	Texas	57	48	.543	5
New York	59	48	.551	2	Chicago	54	52	.509	11½
Detroit	60	49	.550	2	Kansas City	50	53	.485	12
Boston	59	49	.546	2½	California	51	59	.464	13½
Cleveland	52	51	.505	7	Seattle	44	65	.404	20
Blue Jays	37	69	.349	23½	Minnesota	41	68	.376	23

\*Note: Season interrupted by players' strike and played as two halves. Division Playoffs: New York defeated Milwaukee, Oakland defeated Kansas City.  
ALCS: New York defeated Oakland, three games to none.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB	WEST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB
St. Louis	59	43	.578	—	Cincinnati	66	42	.611	—
Montreal	60	48	.556	2	Los Angeles	63	47	.573	4
Philadelphia	59	48	.551	2½	Houston	61	49	.555	6
Pittsburgh	46	56	.451	13	San Francisco	56	55	.505	11½
New York	41	62	.398	18½	Atlanta	50	56	.476	15
Chicago	38	65	.369	21½	San Diego	41	69	.373	26

Division Series: Montreal defeated Philadelphia, Los Angeles defeated Houston.  
WORLD SERIES: Los Angeles defeated New York, four games to two.

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## 1981 MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

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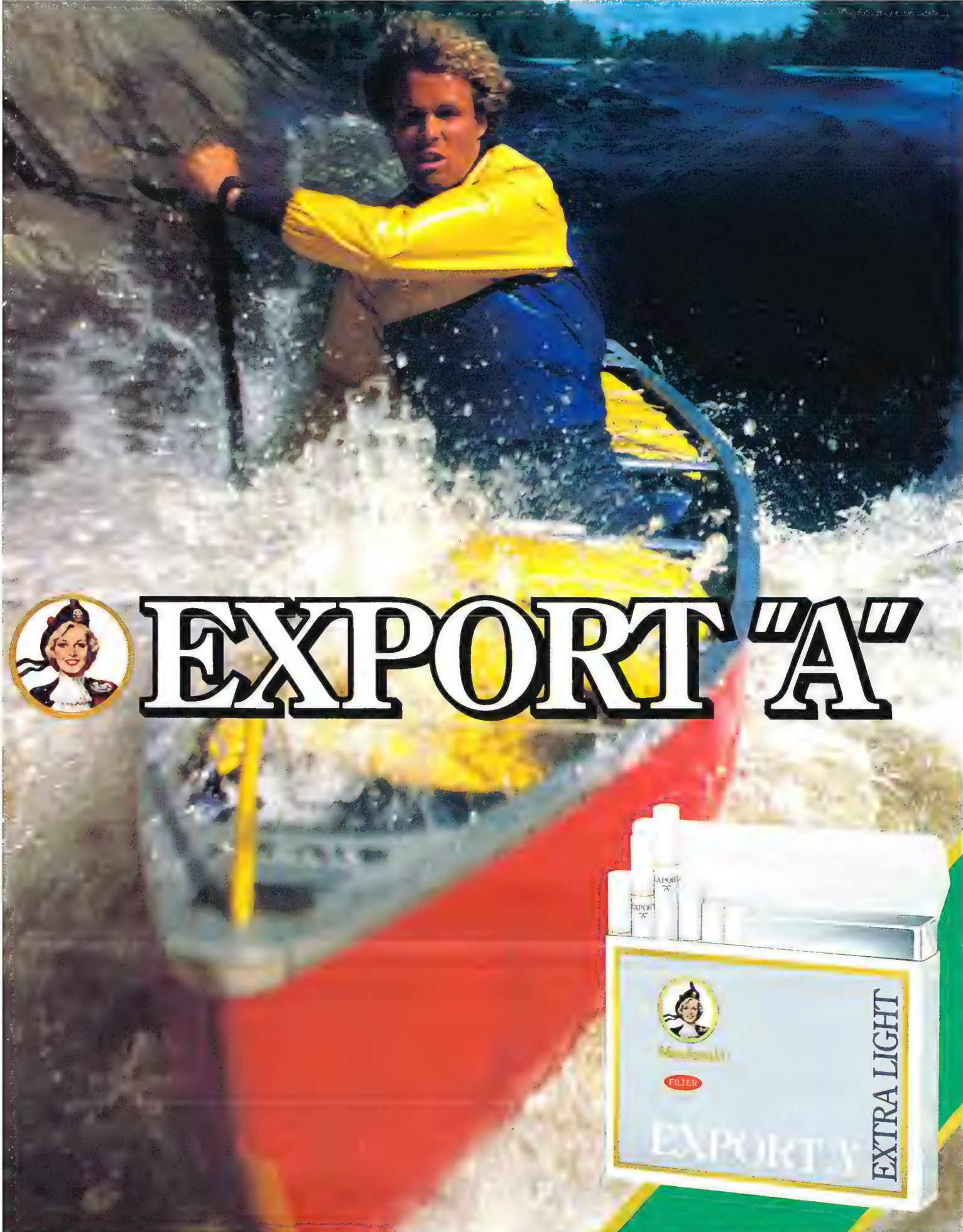
### NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING	.341	Bill Madlock	Pitt
HOME RUNS	31	Mike Schmidt	Phil
RBIs	91	Mike Schmidt	Phil
STOLEN BASES	71	Tim Lincecum	Mil
PITCHING ERA	1.69	Nolan Ryan	Hou
WINS	14	Tom Seaver	Cin

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# 1982

## BOBBY COX PLATOONS A TEAM POISED TO CONTEND WITH BASEBALL'S BEST



The last day of the 1982 season gave Blue Jays fans something to cheer about, although it was hardly as catchy as "We're number one!" All we could rightfully yell was "We're not number seven!"

After spending most of the year in their usual seventh place, a late season surge propelled the Jays into a sixth-place tie with the Cleveland Indians. Sure it was still last place, but it was last in baseball's toughest division, where the bottom two clubs were just three wins short of playing .500 baseball. In fact, the Jays finished the season with just one win fewer than the 1981 league champion New York Yankees, who had fallen to fifth in the bloodbath of the American League East, where defending champions are assaulted with extra special fury and glee.

To fans around the rest of baseball, the Jays' improvement wasn't noticed. Scanning the standings would find them listed with the usual six teams above them. It made little difference that the Jays had a better record than several recent "contenders" or that the 78 wins was a whopping 22-game improvement over their first four seasons' average. The only newcomers to baseball's spotlight that anyone noticed were the Milwaukee Brewers, a former expansion team that finally made it to the World Series in their 14th season of existence as a franchise.

New manager Bobby Cox, fired at Atlanta, had inherited a club whose nucleus was in place, and well-schooled by his predecessors. A youthful, home-grown pitching staff was led by three of the best young starters in the game, Dave Stieb, Jim Clancy, and Luis Leal, who would combine for 45 wins. Several other young players had finally arrived and took over the reins from veterans. Willie Upshaw unseated venerable John Mayberry at first base and contributed 21 homers after totalling only six in all of his previous three major league seasons. Where there was no established regular, Cox made Blue Jays fans

familiar with the word "platoon."

Behind the plate, Ernie Whitt and Buck Martinez teamed up for 21 homers and 79 RBIs, each reaching career highs in homers. At third base, Garth Iorg teamed up with

newly-acquired Rance Mulliniks. In right field, Jesse Barfield shared duties with Hosken Powell, who was acquired from Minnesota. Barfield demolished left-handed pitching, hitting 15 of his 18 homers off southpaws.

Cox's platoon system was rigid. At each position, the left-handed hitter would face only right-handed pitchers and vice-versa. It gave opposing managers fits, even perplexing fans who would be curious as to why he would pinch-hit for a player who might be having a good game

just because the opposition changed pitchers. The Jays led the league with their major league record 71 pinch hits driving in 53 runs, more than double the rest of the league's average.

Everyday players responded with big seasons as well. The offense was led by Damaso Garcia, who hit a sizzling .310 to finish sixth in the league. He went hitless in more than two games in a row only once all season, and would have had even better totals had he not suffered a seriously bruised wrist when he was hit by a pitch in late August, which hampered him the rest of the season. His 54 stolen bases were second only to Rickey Henderson and a new club record, to go with his new Jays' record 89 runs scored. The mark would last a year.

Jim Clancy represented the Blue Jays at the All-Star Game, in the midst of his finest season yet. Jim finished at 16-14 with a 3.71 ERA to win the team's comeback player of the year award after his injury-filled 1981. The ace of the staff, however, was Dave Stieb, who went 17-14 with a nifty 3.25 ERA, 19 complete games and five shutouts. Dave was 10-4 after the All-Star break with a 2.59 ERA and finished fourth in the balloting for the Cy Young Award, won by ex-Blue Jay Pete Vuckovich of the

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LP — Mark Bomback  
HR — Ernie Whitt,  
Ben Oglivie

Att — 30,216



Milwaukee Brewers, who went 18-6 and led his club to a pennant.

Luis Leal joined minor league teammates Stieb and Jesse Barfield as an important member of the Blue Jays. He won 12 games and worked 250 innings, completing 10 starts, to give the Blue Jays something they had never enjoyed before, a quality number three starter in a rotation as good as most contenders!

The pitching staff was ranked fifth in the league, ahead of league champion Milwaukee. The Jays scored 651 runs and allowed 701, their slimmest run differential ever. It was the first time the team ERA had ever been under four.

The Jays went the entire season with a four-man rotation, the fourth being big right-hander Jim Gott, until he was knocked out by a blister on his pitching hand and replaced by young Mark Eichhorn in September. Gott was another of the Blue Jays' selections in the Major League Draft during the winter meetings.

Spring training had established Willie Upshaw at first base and the Jays were able to trade John Mayberry to the Yankees in early May. The 25-year-old Upshaw found his own confidence in the Jays' vote of confidence, hitting .381 in May after the trade. Another Jays' star was outfielder Barry Bonnell. He was among the league's batting leaders almost all season and was passed over for selection to the All-Star team despite hitting .325 at the break. It was the first year the Blue Jays had so many candidates deserving of selection. Bonnell went on to hit .293.

Defensively, shortstop Alfredo Griffin had a fine season, committing only seven errors after mid-June, a far cry from his 31 the year before. Lloyd Moseby, the full-time centre fielder, patrolled the outfield like a veteran superstar. Neither had good years at the plate, however, Griffin at .241, and Moseby at .236, his third year in a row near that figure. Jays fans weren't worried about Moseby. They knew he would hit, but they were getting a bit impatient as to when. As far as Griffin's bat, the Jays had no reason to panic. If he didn't come around, they had a 19-year-old shortstop at Syracuse, Tony Fernandez, who was hitting .302 and attracting superlatives from all who saw him play.

The Jays in '82 continued their tradition of exciting ballgames. There were 58 one-run decisions and 36 more decided by two runs. The Jays split those close games, an improvement over the past, thanks in large part to the newly-realigned pitching staff. New pitching coach Al Widmar stabilized the starting rotation around the youngsters and the team had a respectable bullpen. Dale Murray set a club mark in saves with 11, and the rest of the 'pen added 14 more for a new team record. Joey McLaughlin won eight to go with his eight saves, as did Roy Lee Jackson, who added six saves. Murray was the workhorse, totalling 111 innings in relief. It looked impressive compared to past seasons, but the 27 wins notched by the bullpen was not as glowing a sign as it appeared. Relief pitchers generally get wins only after they give up the tying run. The save total is the sign of a dependable bullpen, and the Jays had fewer saves than wins. No matter, at that point, it was indeed a positive step. Only in the heat of pennant fury would a minor shortcoming be magnified. That was yet to come. There was no pennant race for the Jays in '82.

The Jays finished the season playing their best baseball ever, going 10-2 down the stretch to escape seventh place. In the last week of the season, Jim Clancy won two big ballgames, including the finale (over Seattle relief ace Bill Caudill). He gave Blue Jays fans a memory of a lifetime, taking a perfect game into the ninth inning against Minnesota on September 28th. No Blue Jays pitcher had ever come so close to immortality. It was not to be. A broken bat bloop single by Randy Bush turned it into a one-hitter, leaving history to be written another year.



**Despite the improvement in the major league club, 19-year-old shortstop Tony Fernandez was providing an even better omen for the future at Syracuse. The spec-**

tacular Dominican caused a buzz all through baseball for not only his defensive prowess but for his hitting, which saw the youngster bat .302 in his first full season at the Class AAA level. Clearly, he would be the Blue Jays shortstop of the future, but his all-round fine play made the future seem very near indeed. He was the winner of the R. Howard Webster award as the Chiefs' MVP as well as being named the International League's all-star shortstop. The coming of age of Blue Jays' minor leaguers made trades at the major league level possible, such as the one in May 1982 which sent John Mayberry to New York in order to allow young Willie Upshaw to take over as the regular first baseman after four years of seasoning.

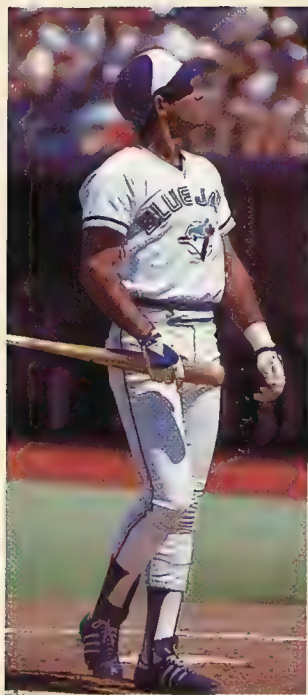


**Released by the Montreal Expos two years earlier, reliever Dale Murray found**

a new life as the ace of the Blue Jays bullpen in 1982. His 11 saves were then a club record, which lasted until 1985. Dale also had eight victories in relief, to give him a team record for the most

wins and saves in a season (19). His 111 innings pitched in relief is also the most-ever by a Jays reliever. After the 1982 season, Dale was traded to New York with a minor leaguer in exchange for Dave Collins, Mike Morgan, and a slugging first baseman in the Blue Jays organization, Fred McGriff, called up from Syracuse in May.





**Damaso Garcia became one of the most exciting players in the league in just his**

third full season. The 25-year-old Dominican had his finest year ever, batting .310, the sixth best mark in the league. His 54 stolen bases were second only to Oakland's Rickey Henderson record 118 and his 185 hits were a Blue Jays club mark that still stands. Damo was a model of consistency all season, only once going hitless for more than two games in a row. He had hitting streaks of 17 and 20 games, then a club

record which he bettered by one the next year. The ex-Yankee hit .354 against his old club and also was the toughest Blue Jay to strike out, fanning only once in every 13.6 at bats. His impressive totals could have been even higher had it not been for a hand injury when he was hit by a pitch in late August, keeping him out of action and hampering him the rest of the season. He ended up being named to several post-season wire service All-Star teams as well winning the Labatt's and BBWAA Player of the Year Awards. Damo made his first of two appearances in the All-Star game the following year.

# 1982

**Jim Gott was plucked from the St. Louis Cardinals organization in the major**

league draft just as he was ready to make the jump to Triple A ball. Instead, he ended up in the majors, starting 23 games for the Blue Jays as a 22-year-old. He won five impressive games in his first season, three of them shut-



outs. His first major league complete game was a 1-0, 10-inning win over the Detroit Tigers on July 31st. Often said to possess the best stuff on the Blue Jays staff, Jim showed moments of brilliance in his three years with the team before being traded to San Francisco with two minor leaguers for Gary Lavelle prior to the 1985 season.



**Dave Stieb won 17 games in 1982, still a club record which he shares with Doyle Alexander. He didn't win a game until his fifth start that season, a shutout over Kan-**

sas City on April 29th. He finished the season with three complete game wins in a row, and 10 of his victories came after the All-Star break. Dave was 8-1 against Kansas City, Milwaukee and New York, three of the toughest teams in the league. His 3.25 ERA was fifth in the league and he led the league in innings pitched (288.1), complete games (19) and shutouts (5). Dave finished fourth in the voting for the Cy Young Award (which was won by ex Blue Jay Pete Vuckovich) and was named the American League Pitcher of the Year by The Sporting News. In 15 of his 38 starts he allowed two runs or fewer, and established himself as one of the best pitchers in the game. In fact, since 1982, Dave is the only regular starting pitcher in the majors (with at least 100 starts) to have an ERA under 3.00. His 2.79 ERA over the last three seasons makes him the best in baseball over that period. Yet, he has never topped his 17 wins of 1982.



# 1982



**Jesse Barfield was 22 years old when he became the Blue Jays Rookie of the Year in 1982.**

Batting mainly against left-handed pitching, he clubbed 18 homers, 15 of them off southpaws to give a new dimension to the team's offense. His first homer of the year was also a Blue Jays first — a pinch-hit grand slam. Among his homer victims were some of the best lefties in the league, including Dave Righetti and Floyd Bannister (off whom he homered three times).

Jesse's ratio of one home run in every 22 at bats led the club, and he drove in a run for every 6.79 at bats, the second most efficient mark on the team. Defensively he also demonstrated one of the finest outfield throwing arms in baseball, claiming 15 victims, the second best total in the league, despite being platooned and playing only parts of 137 games in right field.

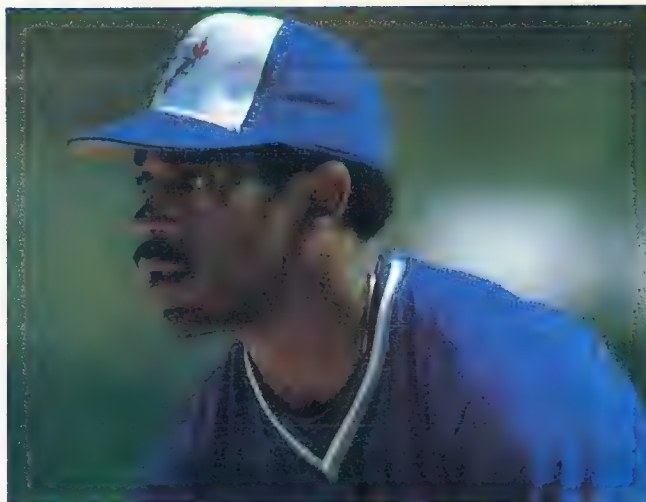
**Willie Upshaw became a regular in 1982 after four years spent between Syracuse and Toronto. He took over first base in early May, when John Mayberry was dealt to**

the New York Yankees. It was a wise, though controversial, move as Willie hit only .171 with the Blue Jays the year before. The team's vote of confidence in him worked wonders, as the 25-year-old went on an 11-game hitting streak beginning the day of the trade. He went on to hit 21 homers and drive in 75 runs to more than make up for the loss of Mayberry, and gave an example of his clutch hitting by leading the team in game-winning RBIs with 14, a team record. He also emerged as one of the finest fielding first basemen in the league, with a .989 fielding percentage. Always tough on his former club, Willie got the game-winning RBI in two consecutive wins over the Yankees in August and has hit two pinch-hit homers off Goose Gossage.



**Original Blue Jay Ernie Whitt was the last cut of spring training in the first year after being selected in the 1976 expansion draft. The left-handed hitting receiver became**

the number one catcher in 1980 under Bobby Mattick after the trades of Alan Ashby and Rick Cerone. In 1982 Ernie was teamed with right-handed hitter Buck Martinez, acquired from Milwaukee, and the duo struck the proper balance that would see them share the workload behind the plate from then on. Ernie hit 11 homers and drove in 42 runs in just 284 at bats, with a .261 average to establish the catching position as an important offensive threat for the Blue Jays.





# 1982 BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

MANAGER	W	L	PCT	POS	GB	ATT.
Bobby Cox	78	84	.481	T6	17	1,275,978
LABATT'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR..... Damaso Garcia						
LABATT'S PITCHER OF THE YEAR..... Dave Stieb						
BBWAA PLAYER OF THE YEAR..... Damaso Garcia						
BBWAA PITCHER OF THE YEAR..... Dave Stieb						
BBWAA ROOKIE OF THE YEAR..... Jesse Barfield						
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER..... Jim Clancy						

PITCHER	ERA	W-L	SV	G	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
Bomback, Mark . . . . .	6.03	1-5	0	16	60	87	40	25	22
Clancy, Jim . . . . .	3.71	16-14	0	40	267	251	110	77	139
Eichhorn, Mark . . . . .	5.45	0-3	0	7	38	40	23	14	16
Garvin, Jerry . . . . .	7.25	1-1	0	32	58	81	47	26	35
Geisel, Dave . . . . .	3.98	1-1	0	16	32	32	14	17	22
Gott, Jim . . . . .	4.43	5-10	0	30	136	134	67	66	82
Jackson, Roy Lee . . . . .	3.06	8-8	6	48	97	77	33	31	71
Leal, Luis . . . . .	3.93	12-15	0	38	250	250	109	79	111
McLaughlin, Joey . . . . .	3.21	8-6	8	44	70	54	25	30	49
Murray, Dale . . . . .	3.16	8-7	11	56	111	115	39	32	60
Schrom, Ken . . . . .	5.87	1-0	0	6	15	13	10	15	8
Senteney, Steve . . . . .	4.91	0-0	0	11	22	23	12	6	20
Stieb, Dave . . . . .	3.25	17-14	0	38	288	271	104	75	141
1982 TOTALS . . . . .	3.95	78-84	25	162	1,444	1,428	633	493	776

BATTER	POS	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI
Adams, Glenn . . . . .	DH	.258	30	66	2	17	1	11
Baker, Dave . . . . .	3B	.250	9	20	3	5	0	2
Barfield, Jesse . . . . .	OF	.246	139	394	54	97	18	58
Bonnell, Barry . . . . .	OF	.293	140	437	59	128	6	49
Davis, Dick . . . . .	OF	.286	3	7	0	2	0	2
Garcia, Damaso . . . . .	2B	.310	147	597	89	185	5	42
Griffin, Alfredo . . . . .	SS	.241	162	539	57	130	1	48
Hernandez, P. . . . .	3B	.000	8	9	1	0	0	0
Iorg, Garth . . . . .	3B-2B	.285	129	417	45	119	1	36
Johnson, A. . . . .	OF	.235	70	98	17	23	3	14
Martinez, Buck . . . . .	C	.242	96	260	26	63	10	37
Mayberry, John . . . . .	1B	.273	17	33	7	9	2	3
Moseby, Lloyd . . . . .	OF	.236	147	487	51	115	9	52
Mulliniks, R. . . . .	3B-SS	.244	112	311	32	76	4	35
N'dhgn, W. . . . .	DH-OF	.270	72	185	12	50	1	20
Petralli, Geno . . . . .	C-3B	.364	16	44	3	16	0	1
Powell, Hosken . . . . .	OF	.275	112	265	43	73	3	26
Revering, Dave . . . . .	1B	.215	55	135	15	29	5	18
Roberts, Leon . . . . .	OF	.229	40	105	6	24	1	5
Upshaw, Willie . . . . .	1B	.267	160	580	77	155	21	75
Velez, Otto . . . . .	DH	.192	28	52	4	10	1	5
Whitt, Ernie . . . . .	C	.261	105	284	28	74	11	42
Woods, Al . . . . .	OF	.234	85	201	20	47	3	24
Designated Hitters . . . . .		.238	162	596	52	142	8	56
Pinch-Hitters . . . . .		.271	—	262	24	71	4	53
1982 TOTALS . . . . .		.262	162	5,526	651	1,447	106	605

## 1982 FINAL STANDINGS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB	WEST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee . . . . .	95	67	.586	—	California . . . . .	93	69	.574	—
Baltimore . . . . .	94	68	.580	1	Kansas City . . . . .	90	72	.556	3
Boston . . . . .	89	73	.549	6	Chicago . . . . .	87	75	.537	6
Detroit . . . . .	83	79	.512	12	Seattle . . . . .	76	86	.469	17
New York . . . . .	79	83	.488	16	Oakland . . . . .	68	94	.420	25
Cleveland . . . . .	78	84	.481	17	Texas . . . . .	64	98	.395	30
Blue Jays . . . . .	78	84	.481	17	Minnesota . . . . .	60	102	.370	33

ALCS: Milwaukee defeated California, three games to two.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB	WEST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB
St. Louis . . . . .	92	70	.568	—	Atlanta . . . . .	89	73	.549	—
Philadelphia . . . . .	89	73	.549	3	Los Angeles . . . . .	88	74	.543	1
Montreal . . . . .	86	76	.531	6	San Francisco . . . . .	87	75	.537	2
Pittsburgh . . . . .	84	78	.519	8	San Diego . . . . .	81	81	.500	8
Chicago . . . . .	73	89	.451	19	Houston . . . . .	77	85	.475	12
New York . . . . .	65	97	.401	27	Cincinnati . . . . .	61	101	.377	28

NLCS: St. Louis defeated Atlanta, three games to none.

WORLD SERIES: St. Louis defeated Milwaukee, four games to three.

## 1982 MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING . . . . .	.332	Willie Wilson	KC
HOME RUNS . . . . .	39	Gorman Thomas	Mil
HOME RUNS . . . . .	39	Reggie Jackson	Cal
RBIs . . . . .	133	Hal McRae	KC
STOLEN BASES . . . . .	130	Rickey Henderson	Oak
PITCHING ERA . . . . .	2.96	Rick Sutcliffe	Clev
WINS . . . . .	19	LaMarr Hoyt	Chi
SAVES . . . . .	35	Dan Quisenberry	KC
STRIKEOUTS . . . . .	209	Floyd Bannister	Sea

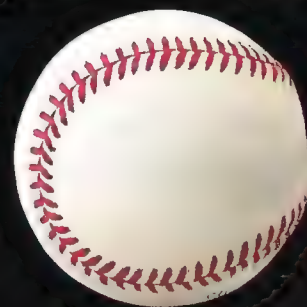
### NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING . . . . .	.331	Al Oliver	Mil
HOME RUNS . . . . .	37	Dave Kingman	NY
RBIs . . . . .	109	Dale Murphy	Atl
RBIs . . . . .	109	Al Oliver	Mil
STOLEN BASES . . . . .	78	Tim Lincecum	Mil
PITCHING ERA . . . . .	2.40	Steve Rogers	Mil
WINS . . . . .	23	Steve Carlton	Phil
SAVES . . . . .	36	Bruce Sutter	StL
STRIKEOUTS . . . . .	286	Steve Carlton	Phil





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# 1983

## THE BLUE JAYS GET A TASTE OF FIRST AND LEAVE THE CELLAR BEHIND



The Blue Jays were all grown up. The average age of the team was 27, but more importantly, the team had matured to the point where they would from now on play with the big boys of the AL East.

The Jays had become contenders. A chance to take the flag. For real.

For the first time, Toronto fans had a taste of a pennant race. Just a little taste, but what an appetizer! Until one fateful week in late August, the "relatively-unknown" Toronto Blue Jays were doing battle with the big bad bruisers of the brawling AL East — and winning. By the final week of May, taking 18 of 27 games that month, the Jays moved into sole possession of first place. Six years of waiting for the moment, silently practiced by years of watching other teams' fans celebrate, the stands erupted with rousing cheers of "We're number one!"

With eyes fixed forward, no one noticed another vestige of the past being left behind. A 3-2 win over Texas on April 29th moved the Jays into sixth place. Although no one knew it at the time, it was the end of an era. The Blue Jays would never be in seventh place again. It was their last day in last place!

The club moved in the off-season to strengthen some areas, notably designated hitting, traditionally a strong point, even in the early formative years. In 1982, new manager Cox's first year with the rule, Jays' designated hitters were last in the league, with a combined .238 average and just eight homers and 56 RBIs. After the 1982 season ended, the Jays sent outfielder Al Woods to Oakland in exchange for a man who had always been a fan favourite at Exhibition Stadium, Cliff Johnson. He had played with four teams in the previous three years, but always would be remembered by his first visit to Toronto, in 1977, when he clubbed three homers in one game, two in the same inning. It was his favourite park to hit in. And did he ever! Big Cliff single-handedly more than doubled the home

run output of the previous year's DHs, clubbing 22 to account for 76 RBIs. The six year-wait to get him on our side was clearly worth it.

He was joined in the platoon by left-handed hitting Jorge Orta,

acquired in February from the Kansas City Royals for a minor league pitcher. He hit 10 homers, giving the Jays the best designated hitters in the league, combining for 34 homers and 113 RBIs. Johnson and Orta anchored the offense, which was not only the best ever for the Jays, but the third-most productive in the league. The Jays upped their run total to 795 (nearly one more run a game than in 1982) and led the league in batting with a .277 mark. Only the "winning ugly" White Sox at 800

and the destined-to-be World Champion Baltimore Orioles were scoring more runs than the "who are these guys" Blue Jays. Jays hitters murdered opposing pitchers for 167 home runs, the 101 at Exhibition Stadium nearly matching their 1982 total home and away, and they had the best team slugging average in the league, .436, which remains their highest ever.

The offensive sparkplug was centre fielder Lloyd Moseby, who became the first Blue Jay ever to score more than 100 runs by having his best season ever, the one that everyone knew he was capable of having since he was drafted in '78.

And what a year it was! The 23-year-old was the youngest regular centre fielder in either league. "The Shaker" hit .315, sixth best in the league, and hit 18 homers to drive in 81 runs. If that wasn't enough, he stole 27 bases and led the club with a .380 on-base average. It all added up to a team record: 104 runs scored. It was Moseby who led the charge into first place. He was the American League Player of the Week for the week the Jays moved into the top spot. He was the third Blue Jay in a row to gain the honour, following Luis Leal and Dave Stieb that scintillating May. Our dreams were becoming reality.

### OPENING DAY AT BOSTON

April 5, 1983

Jays 7  
Red Sox 1

Damaso Garcia, 2b  
Dave Collins, lf  
Willie Upshaw, 1b  
Cliff Johnson, dh  
Jesse Barfield, rf  
Ernie Whitt, c  
Lloyd Moseby, cf  
Rance Mulliniks, 3b  
Alfredo Griffin, ss  
Dave Stieb, p

WP — Dave Stieb  
LP — Dennis Eckersley  
HR — Willie Upshaw,  
Dave Stapleton,  
Rance Mulliniks

ATT — 33,842



The Jays' big power man was Willie Upshaw, who became the first Blue Jay to drive in over 100 runs. Improving on his first full season as a regular the year before, the 26-year-old slugged 27 homers, scored 99 runs, and shared Labatt's MVP honours with Moseby. He and Moseby divided up most offensive marks, with his 104 RBIs setting a team record which still stands.

The other offensive star was Damaso Garcia, who had his second outstanding year in a row, batting .307 with 31 stolen bases, down from '82 because of a chronic knee problem. Garcia and Moseby each had 21-game hitting streaks that year, longest in the league and a club record that still stands.

The outfield was realigned, thanks to a pre-season deal in which the Jays sent their best reliever, Dale Murray, to the Yankees for disgruntled Dave Collins. Collins platooned in left field at times with Barry Bonnell and others with young George Bell, mainly later in the season. Bonnell played all three outfield spots and hit .318. In right field, Jesse Barfield clubbed 27 homers, 22 at home, mainly in a sizzling second half. The pitching staff, while not as hot as in '82, relied primarily on the four man rotation of Dave Stieb, Jim Clancy, Luis Leal, and Jim Gott. Early in the year, they were leading the league, but Gott's blister problems threw him out of whack in mid-July. That's when the Jays rescued another unhappy inmate of George Steinbrenner's doghouse, Doyle Alexander. Alexander had lost nine of 10 decisions with the Yankees and was released outright in June. The Jays signed him to a minor league contract (with the Yankees paying most of his hefty salary) and even though he lost his first two games with the Jays, they stuck with him. He responded by winning seven in a row and ending up with a winning record, 7-6.

The season seemed to have some unique magic. It was the year of strange incidents in baseball. A George Brett home run off Goose Gossage was nullified by umpires for having too much pine tar on his bat. Yankee outfielder Dave Winfield was charged for killing one of Exhibition Stadium's flock of seagulls with a thrown ball in left field. It caused a bizarre incident, reported by one New York tabloid as "Winfield charged with murder!" But the blackest magic of all seemed to be cast on the Blue Jays bullpen. After a remarkable record of winning extra-inning games all year, the Jays went into Baltimore's Memorial Stadium (always a snakepit for the team) just a game-and-a-half behind the Orioles. It was the first really "crucial" series in team history. The first game looked well in hand as Jim Clancy took a 3-1 lead into the ninth inning. The Orioles tied it and sent the game into extra innings — where the Jays were undefeated. Cliff Johnson homered in the 10th and the magic spell seemed to be working. The Orioles had pinch-hit in desperation and now had infielder Len Sakata behind the plate. Three Blue Jays runners in a row reached base (Bonnell, Collins, and Upshaw), eager to run on Sakata. They never got to test his arm. Orioles reliever Tippy Martinez picked all three of them off! In the bottom half of the inning a Cal Ripken homer off Joey McLaughlin tied the game. New pitcher, Randy Moffitt. Len Sakata hit one his three homers of the year. Game and pennant race over. In the black week of August 24 to 30th, the Jays lost three more times in extra innings and twice more in the ninth. This was big league heartbreak.

In a pennant race, every weakness becomes magnified, usually at the most dramatic moment. For the '83 Jays, it seemed as if the bullpen needed an exorcism, even though they set team records again for saves. Records, though, were small consolation.

Despite one nightmarish week, the Jays in 1983 were a big hit, drawing nearly two million fans and establishing themselves as contenders. Yet, there was more work to be done.



**Dave Stieb was the starting and winning pitcher in the 1983 All-Star Game, the American League's only win since 1971. It was also Dave's third consecutive season as the**

Blue Jays' Pitcher of the Year, placing third in the league in strikeouts and earned run average. Although Dave's ERA has declined each year of his seven in the majors, he has never topped the 17 victory mark he reached in 1982 and 1983.



**In his second year as the Jays' full-time first baseman, Willie Upshaw im-**

proved on his 1982 season for what is still his best year so far. In 1983 he hit .306 with 27 homers and 104 RBIs, the first player in team history to drive in more than 100 runs in a single season — still a club record. He also scored 99 times and was sixth in the league in total bases (298) and slugging percentage (.515). Willie finished the season in fine style, win-

ning the Labatt's "Blue" Player of the Month in September with a .353 average, 7 homers, and 28 RBIs in 28 games. He shared Labatt's Player of the Year honours with Lloyd Moseby. Willie has always hit left-handed pitching as well as righties, batting .309 against south-paws and .304 against right-handers that season.

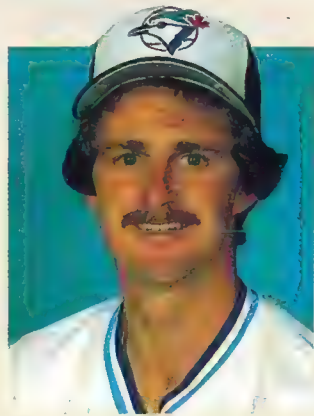




**Bobby Cox brought a new style of baseball to the Blue Jays in 1982, and**

everyone learned the word "platoon." After the Jays lost Roy Howell to free agency and Danny Ainge to professional basketball, the club was left without a third baseman. Original Blue Jay Garth Iorg, always admired for his fielding and versatility, was moved to third in spring train-

ing. The Jays also acquired a long-coveted infielder from the Kansas City Royals, Rance Mulliniks. Neither of them was originally a third baseman, and the move was initially seen by critics as a "make-do" or temporary solution until the Jays would have a regular "third baseman of the future." At the time, the candidate was minor leaguer Jeff Reynolds, who was acquired in the deal for John Mayberry. Reynolds never made it to the majors and Blue Jays fans have never again questioned the move as the duo, referred to as "MullinIorg" by many, have twohandedly become the best third base-men in club history. In their four seasons they've averaged 10 homers and 80 RBI's a year combined.



**In 1983, Barry Bonnell recorded his highest-ever average as a Blue Jay, hitting .318 with 10 homers and 54 RBIs. It was the last of his four seasons with the club;**

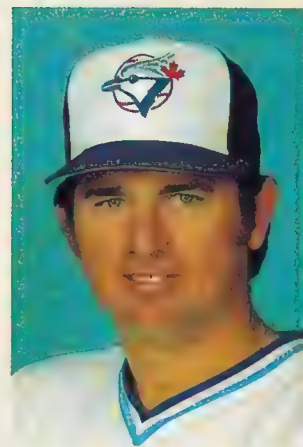
he was dealt afterwards to Seattle for a left-handed reliever, Bryan Clark, as the Jays were ready to give youngsters George Bell and Jesse Barfield more playing time alongside Lloyd Moseby in 1984. Platoon duty went to newly-acquired Dave Collins. Barry also hit .293 in 1982 and averaged .281 for the Blue Jays after coming to the team from Atlanta in 1979 with Joey McLaughlin for Chris Chambliss and Luis Gomez. His reputation as a streak hitter was enhanced by his five-for-five performance on Opening Day in 1982, one of only four such games in club history. The other five-hit games were achieved by Roy Howell, Rick Bosetti, and Damaso Garcia.

# 1983

**Veteran Randy Moffitt led the Blue Jays bullpen in 1983 with 10 saves and six**

wins, making up for the loss of 1982 bullpen hero Dale Murray in a trade to the New York Yankees. The veteran right-hander was coming off several unproductive seasons in a row due to

a shoulder injury and illness. Randy's debut was outstanding, allowing no runs in his first nine games. He had been a dependable reliever for the San Francisco Giants for years before the Jays acquired him in spring training after he was released by the Houston Astros. He totalled 86 saves in nine years in the National League, and his teammate for seven of those seasons with the Giants was their left-handed relief ace, Gary Lavelle, who would become a key member of the Jays' division championship club just two years later. Randy is the brother of tennis superstar Billie Jean King.





# 1983



**Venezuelan right-hander Luis Leal was the Jays' third home-grown starter, joining Jim Clancy and Dave Stieb in the rotation in 1980. By 1983, the trio was regarded as the finest group of young starters in baseball, and many thought Leal**

would attain lofty heights. A streak pitcher, he looked unhittable on his good days, and won five games in a row in May. He was named the American League Player of the Week on May 15th. After posting his first major league shutout in mid-July, things never looking better, he inexplicably went on to lose four in a row. Luis finished the season at 13-12. In 1979, Luis was the ace of the staff at Class A Dunedin of the Florida State League, going 12-2 before moving up to Syracuse, where he won his only start. The same year, his teammate Dave Stieb went 5-0 at Dunedin and eventually wound up in the majors. Luis arrived in the majors only a year later, a meteoric climb up the ladder but, after a long losing spell, Luis was returned to Syracuse after a rocky start in 1985, where he began the 1986 season as well.

## **Three seasons after he became the Blue Jays' regular centre fielder at just 21,**

Lloyd Moseby enjoyed his finest year to date in 1983. He became the first player in club history to score over 100 runs in a season, his club-leading, .380 on-base percentage and .315 batting average enabling him to cross the plate 104 times, the fifth-highest total in the league. Lloyd also hit for power, slugging 18 homers and driving in 81 runs. He stole 27 bases and played outstanding defense, demonstrating the kind of all-round fine performance the Jays knew he was capable of.



**Blue Jays fans were rewarded for their loyalty in May of 1983 when the team entered first place for the first time. In nine seasons, the Jays have drawn 14,636,025 fans for an average of 1.6 million per year. Over the last three seasons, their popularity has increased, averaging 2.17 million per year.**

## **Right-handed pitcher Jim Acker was taken out of the Atlanta Braves minor**

league organization in the major league draft of 1982. It was just over a year after Bobby Cox joined the club from Ted Turner's team, where he had seen the big Texan pitch in spring training. There he was considered one of the best prospects in the system. Jim had to stay on the Blue Jays roster all season or else be offered back to the Braves, but he contributed as well as anyone, going 5-1 in his first big league season. Used mainly in long relief, Jim got his first major league win in his first start (June 21 over Minnesota), after three minor league seasons in that role. In his three seasons with the Jays, Jim has a 15-8 record and 12 saves, and saw action over the years as both a starter and a reliever.





# 1983 BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

LABATT'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR. Lloyd Moseby & Willie Upshaw  
 LABATT'S PITCHER OF THE YEAR. Dave Stieb  
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 BBWAA ROOKIE OF THE YEAR. Jim Aker  
 MOST IMPROVED PLAYER. Lloyd Moseby

PITCHER	ERA	W-L	SV	G	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
Acker, Jim	4.33	5-1	1	38	98	103	47	38	44
Alexander, Doyle	3.93	7-6	0	17	117	126	51	26	46
Clancy, Jim	3.91	15-11	0	34	223	238	97	61	99
Clarke, Stan	3.27	1-1	0	10	11	10	4	5	7
Cooper, Don	6.75	0-0	0	4	5	8	4	0	5
Geisel, Dave	4.64	0-3	5	47	52	47	27	31	50
Gott, Jim	4.74	9-14	0	34	177	195	93	68	121
Jackson, Roy Lee	4.50	8-3	7	49	92	92	46	41	48
Leal, Luis	4.31	13-12	0	35	217	216	104	65	116
Moffitt, Randy	3.77	6-2	10	45	57	52	24	24	38
Morgan, Mike	5.16	0-3	0	16	45	48	26	21	22
McLaughlin, Joey	4.45	7-4	9	50	65	63	32	37	47
Stieb, Dave	3.04	17-12	0	36	278	223	94	93	187
Williams, Matt	14.63	1-1	0	4	8	13	13	7	5
1983 TOTALS	4.12	89-73	32	162	1,445	1,434	662	517	835

MANAGER	W	L	PCT	POS	GB	ATT.
Bobby Cox	89	73	.549	4th	9	1,930,415

BATTER	POS	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI
Barfield, Jesse	OF	.253	128	388	58	98	27	68
Bell, George	OF	.268	39	112	5	30	2	17
Bonnell, Barry	OF	.318	121	377	49	120	10	54
Collins, Dave	OF	.271	118	402	55	109	1	34
Fernandez, Tony	SS	.265	15	34	5	9	0	2
Garcia, Damaso	2B	.307	131	525	84	161	3	38
Griffin, Alfredo	SS	.250	162	528	62	132	4	47
Iorg, Garth	IF	.275	122	375	40	103	2	39
Johnson, Cliff	DH-1B	.265	142	407	59	108	22	76
Kluttz, Mickey	3B	.256	22	43	3	11	3	5
Martinez, Buck	C	.253	88	221	27	56	10	33
Moseby, Lloyd	OF	.315	151	539	104	170	18	81
Mulliniks, Rance	IF	.275	129	364	54	100	10	49
Orta, Jorge	DH-OF	.237	103	245	30	58	10	38
Petralli, Geno	C	.000	6	4	0	0	0	0
Powell, Hosken	OF	.169	40	83	6	14	1	7
Upshaw, Willie	1B	.306	160	579	99	177	27	104
Webster, Mitch	OF	.182	11	11	2	2	0	0
Whitt, Ernie	C	.256	123	344	53	88	17	56
Designated Hitters		.250	162	604	86	151	34	113
Pinch-Hitters		.290	—	200	26	58	5	42
1983 TOTALS		.277	162	5,581	795	1,546	167	748

## 1983 FINAL STANDINGS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB	WEST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB
Baltimore	.98	64	.605	—	Chicago	.99	63	.611	—
Detroit	.92	70	.568	6	Kansas City	.79	83	.488	20
New York	.91	71	.562	7	Texas	.77	85	.475	22
Blue Jays	.89	73	.549	9	Oakland	.74	88	.457	25
Milwaukee	.87	75	.537	11	California	.70	92	.432	29
Boston	.78	84	.481	20	Minnesota	.70	92	.432	29
Cleveland	.70	92	.432	28	Seattle	.60	102	.370	39

ALCS: Baltimore defeated Chicago, three games to one.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB	WEST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	.90	72	.556	—	Los Angeles	.91	71	.562	—
Pittsburgh	.84	78	.519	6	Atlanta	.88	74	.543	3
Montreal	.82	80	.506	8	Houston	.83	77	.525	6
St. Louis	.79	83	.488	11	San Diego	.81	81	.500	10
Chicago	.71	91	.438	19	San Francisco	.79	83	.488	12
New York	.68	94	.420	22	Cincinnati	.74	88	.457	17

NLCS: Philadelphia defeated Los Angeles, three games to one.

WORLD SERIES: Baltimore defeated Philadelphia, four games to one.

## 1983 MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING	.361	Wade Boggs	Bos
HOME RUNS	39	Jim Rice	Bos
RBIs	126	Cecil Cooper	Mil
RBIs	126	Jim Rice	Bos
STOLEN BASES	108	Rickey Henderson	Oak
PITCHING ERA	2.42	Rick Honeycutt	Tex
WINS	24	LaMarr Hoyt	Chi
SAVES	45	Dan Quisenberry	KC
STRIKEOUTS	232	Jack Morris	Det
SHUTOUTS	5	Mike Boddicker	Balt

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING	.323	Bill Madlock	Pitt
HOME RUNS	40	Mike Schmidt	Phil
TOTAL BASES	341	Andre Dawson	Mtl
RBIs	121	Dale Murphy	Atl
STOLEN BASES	90	Tim Lincecum	Mtl
PITCHING ERA	2.25	Atlee Hammaker	SF
WINS	19	John Denny	Phil
SAVES	29	Lee Smith	Chi
STRIKEOUTS	275	Steve Carlton	Phil
SHUTOUTS	5	Steve Rogers	Mtl



A photograph of a locker room with several white Toronto Blue Jays jerseys hanging on lockers. One jersey is lying on the tiled floor in the foreground. A baseball glove and a pair of sneakers are also visible on the floor. The scene is dimly lit, with a bright light source coming from a window in the background.

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# 1984

## THE MIRACLE TIGERS HIDE THE JAYS AS BASEBALL'S BEST KEPT SECRET



Everything about 1984 seemed promising. The maturing of the young offensive players, the solidification of the starting rotation, and changes in the club's achilles heel — the bullpen — seemed to

bode well. In the off-season, the Jays signed their first big name free agent, reliever Dennis Lamp, and traded popular Barry Bonnell to Seattle for lefty Bryan Clarke, who had previously been murder on left-handed hitters, something the Jays sorely needed to neutralize the potent offenses of clubs such as New York or Detroit, both deep in left-handed hitters.

The preview of what 1984 would be like came on Opening Night in Seattle, and it looked like a rerun of last year's horror classic, "Black August." After Jim Clancy pitched superbly, leaving the game with two out in the eighth, Dennis Lamp took over, needing just four outs for a win. Instead, his Jays' debut turned into a 10-inning, 3-2 loss. It was to be another season of fine play and marked improvement by the Blue Jays marred only by frustrating late-inning losses and bullpen collapses. The one-run losses which in the early years were symbols of the club's scrappy, competitive play, were now viewed as indications of how tantalizingly close the team was to genuine pennant contender status. From being a badge of pride, the one-run losses (25 of them) stuck out as rude reminders of just how near the Jays were to winning it all. Although many fans remember the defeats, the Jays did have the third-best record in the league in one-run games, 34-25, behind only Detroit and Boston. The record included a remarkable string of 19 one-run wins in a row from April to June. Heart-stopping baseball!

The Jays accomplished a rare feat in the American League East by repeating their won-lost record of the year before. This time, it made them the best of six teams in baseball's best division. The seventh team was on a plane by itself. The Detroit

Tigers won an incredible 35 of their first 40 games and led a cat's charmed nine lives all season. In the first U.S. national telecast of the year, Detroit's Jack Morris threw a no-hitter against the Chicago

White Sox. For the Tigers, 1984 was The Year Everything Went Right. For the Blue Jays' troubled bullpen it was the Year of Living Dangerously.

The starting pitching had solidified into a four-man rotation, all right-handers, with the return to form of veteran Doyle Alexander, who joined Dave Stieb, Jim Clancy, and Luis Leal to give the Jays the best starting pitching in the game. Alexander, in fact, went on to become the Jays' Pitcher of the Year with a stellar 17-6 record, reaching career highs in innings and strikeouts in a remarkable comeback.

Combined with the Jays' fine starting pitching, the offense made the club formidable enough to probably win any other division. Yet, in 1984, the Blue Jays were the best-kept secret in baseball. Just two summers before, the rest of the league had regarded them as merely "a last place expansion team." No one noticed that their 27-14 record near the end of May was better than any club in baseball except Detroit. In fact, had they kept that pace up, they would have won an astounding 107 games, one of the best seasons in league history, and three more than the Tigers' total in this magic season. In other words, the Blue Jays were playing history-making baseball, but only the Blue Jays' fans — and rival managers — noticed.

Knee-deep in the hoopla of Detroit's sizzling start and the miraculous resurgence of the Chicago Cubs to pennant contention after 40 dormant years in the National League, baseball fans and media didn't notice the arrival of the Toronto Blue Jays. The fact that they were actually involved in a pennant race with history's darlings, the '84 Tigers, is remarkable.

By early June, the Jays had kept on playing consistent win-

### OPENING DAY AT SEATTLE

April 4, 1984

Mariners 3  
Jays 2

Domaso Garcia, 2b  
Rance Mulliniks, 3b  
Lloyd Moseby, cf  
Willie Upshaw, 1b  
Cliff Johnson, dh  
George Bell, lf  
Jesse Barfield, rf  
Ernie Whitt, c  
Alfredo Griffin, ss  
Jim Clancy, p

WP — Mike Stanton  
LP — Dennis Lamp  
HR — Ernie Whitt,  
Ken Phelps

Att — 43,200



ning baseball, waiting for the Tigers' inevitable fall to earth. The young Jays matched Detroit, holding steady in second place, waiting calmly out of the spotlight, waiting for the chance to go head to head. The first meeting would come in early June in venerable Tiger Stadium, one of the oldest parks in all of baseball.

It was a real, honest-to-goodness pennant race, even though it wasn't even summer yet. In early June, the Jays had incredibly managed to whittle the Tigers' lead to a reachable  $5\frac{1}{2}$  games. They were the only two teams to emerge still standing from the early season fireworks. It was late September atmosphere in early June. Four games in Detroit. If the Blue Jays could take the series (which no one had done yet) or sweep, the pennant race could begin anew. Nothing seemed impossible. At least, not yet.

Tiger Stadium was rocking. Blue Jays fans everywhere were changing their social calendars to make sure they were next to their radios. Even those who weren't baseball fans became curious about this new malady called Blue Jays Fever. For the first time, Toronto fans understood the meaning of the cliché "electricity in the air" as Damaso Garcia dropped his warmup bats and walked toward home plate in his powder blue road uniform.

And what a game it was! As exciting as any in team history.

Tigers batting in the bottom of the ninth. Jays reliever Dennis Lamp keeps the game tied, 3-3. Jays fail to score. In the bottom of the tenth, the Tigers mount a threat on rookie left-handed reliever Jimmy Key. With two runners on, manager Bobby Cox makes a pitching change. Roy Lee Jackson takes the mound, and Tigers manager Sparky Anderson counters by sending up journeyman Dave Bergman to pinch hit.

The regulars on both clubs had done their jobs, all game and all season. It now came down to "depth." It turned into a battle in one remarkable at-bat between a Jays' second-line reliever and a Tigers' utility player. Although no one had done it all year, the Blue Jays had a chance to deliver a telling blow to Tigers' pennant hopes by striking at their psyche. And the Jays seemed to have what it takes. They had won 19 one-run games in a row.

Jackson and Bergman engaged in the cat-and-mouse mind-game that is the heart of baseball. Winning run in scoring position. Two strikes. Jackson delivers. Bergman thinks of swinging, then checks. The pitch would be strike three, but hits the bat and squibs foul. Pitcher and batter stare each other down again. A nod for the sign. The windup. Bergman swings. A long fly ball. Barfield has a bead on it, off with the crack of the bat. It curves foul, into the grasp of a fan five rows back. Barfield pounds his glove. Pitcher and batter wipe beads of sweat from their brows. Fans in Ontario and Michigan reach for their phones. For a full eight minutes and 40 seconds this remarkable duel continues. Foul ball after foul ball to delay the crucial, inevitable climax.

Finally, the crack of the bat. Jesse Barfield gives chase. The ball is in the stands. A three-run home run that gives the Tigers a 6-3 win. The Jays would go on to win two of the next three (powered by the regulars, aided by Whitt and Upshaw homers) and reduce the Tigers' margin to a mere  $3\frac{1}{2}$  games. Yet, it is as close as they would get. The Tigers became a runaway train.

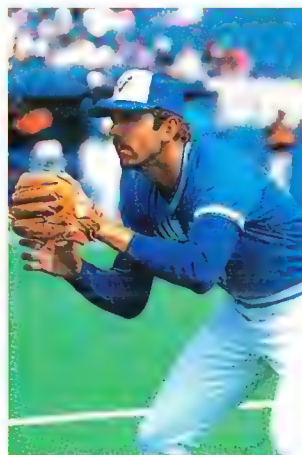
The Jays would go on to lose three in a row in New York, drained by the Tigers' series or perhaps looking ahead to the next one in Toronto, when they took two of three. But it was too late. Demoralized by further late-season, late-inning bullpen collapses, the Jays faltered in September and finished 15 games back, the chase futile. They ended up one game ahead of New York.

Yet, in losing, the Jays had finally learned how to win. They recognized a need to make more bold moves. While the Tigers celebrated, the Jays were planning for a party of their own.



### **A veteran receiver who came to the Jays in 1981, Buck Martinez teamed with Ernie Whitt to provide guidance for the young pitching staff as well as solid offensive**

production. In 1984, Buck matched his career high in RBIs with 37 although his home run total dropped to five from 10 the previous two years. 1984 was Buck's last full season, as he was lost for the rest of 1985 after a spectacular collision with Seattle's Phil Bradley in July. He and Ernie averaged 24 homers and 90 RBIs a year, combined. Buck in 1986 is enjoying his 20th season as a player in baseball, a career twice as long as the history of the Blue Jays franchise!

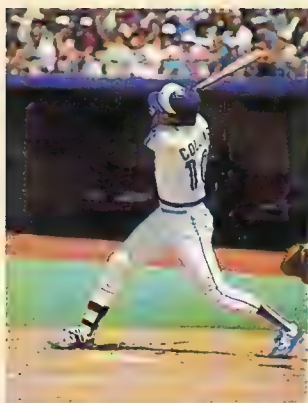


### **Doyle Alexander was the Jays' Pitcher of the Year in 1984, with a 17-6 record**

that tied his and the club's record for wins. The crafty veteran right-hander worked 262 innings, also a personal best, and completed 11 of 35 starts, two of them shutouts. Eight of his victories came in succession, the hottest

streak ever by a Jays' starter. In fact, after Doyle was acquired from the Yankees in 1983 and lost his first six games, he rebounded to post a combined 24-6 record over his last 30 decisions. He finished the season with five complete games in a row, losing on the final day of the season in an attempt to set a new club record for wins. A testament to his control, Doyle walked only two batters for every nine innings pitched. He also won 17 games for Texas in 1977.





**Speedy Dave Collins set a team record with 60 stolen bases in 1984. He hit .308**

with 41 extra base hits and 44 RBIs but managed to score only 59 runs in 128 games, fifth best on the club. He didn't ground into a double play all season and was a sparkplug on offense who

could often be counted on to start a rally or to keep one going. Dave was named the Blue Jays' Player of the Year as well as Good Guy by the Toronto baseball writers. In the off-season, he was traded to Oakland along with Alfredo Griffin for relief pitcher Bill Caudill in the biggest swap in team history. His best season was 1980 with Cincinnati when he hit .303 and scored 94 runs and stole a career-high 79 bases. Dave was an expansion draft selection of the Seattle Mariners in 1976 from the California Angels and hit .239 with 25 stolen bases for the Jay's West division counterparts in their debut season. This season, Dave is with the Detroit Tigers, his seventh team in 10 years. He was acquired by the Jays from the Yankees at the end of 1982.

# 1984



**Rance Mulliniks finished the 1984 season with a .324 average, highest ever by a Blue Jay. The 26-year-old left-handed batter also established himself as one of the**

best clutch hitters in the game, batting .349 with runners in scoring position, best on the club and fourth-highest in the league despite his home run totals falling to three from 10 the year before. Rance's .380 on-base percentage also led the club, as he and Garth Iorg (who suffered from an off year) continued to provide the Jays with solid offensive production and scintillating defense at third base. In 1984, Rance's superb year picked up Garth, who struggled at the plate. A year later, it would be Garth who would lead the club in batting, with a .313 mark, second highest average in team history. The duo uncannily managed to provide consistently solid production from the third base position in their four seasons together, and are known as "MullinIorg" by many in the media, the name reflecting the equality of their contribution to the team efforts. They fail to receive the defensive accolades they are so richly deserving because of the platoon system which deprives them of the high individual assist totals and "chances per game" statistics so admired by some analysts, who ignore the fact that each plays roughly only half a game. Blue Jays fans, however, are as aware as opponents that Rance and Garth are two players who make up one genuine superstar at third.

**He could hit. Hit for power. Run. Field. And throw. Lloyd Moseby fashioned his second**

outstanding season in a row, making up in power and speed what he lost in average from his stellar 1983 campaign. His solid .280 season with 18 homers, 92 RBIs and 39 stolen bases more than compared well with those of Detroit Tigers' star Kirk Gibson. Yet, Gibson was the league's MVP, the Tigers were in the baseball spotlight and the World



Series, causing the Shaker's all-round fine season to be ignored in the hoopla over Detroit's charmed ballclub. At 24 (three years younger than the Detroit superstar) Lloyd posted two back-to-back seasons in which he averaged .296 with 18 home runs, 100 runs scored, 87 RBIs, and 33 stolen bases — totals which would rank him among the best center fielders in baseball. Since the Blue Jays of 1984 were still considered upstarts for much of the season, Lloyd and his teammates were merely the best kept secret in baseball.



# 1984 BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

MANAGER	W	L	PCT	POS	GB	ATT.
Bobby Cox	89	73	.549	2nd	15	2,110,009
LABATT'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER	George Bell					
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Key, Jimmy	4.65	4-5	10	63	62	70	32	32	44
Lamp, Dennis	4.55	8-8	9	56	85	97	38	38	45
Leach, Rick	2.70	0-0	0	1	1	2	3	2	0
Leal, Luis	3.89	13-8	0	35	222	221	96	77	134
Musselman, Ron	2.11	0-2	1	11	21	18	5	10	9
McLaughlin, Joey	2.53	0-0	0	6	11	12	3	7	3
Stieb, Dave	2.83	16-8	0	35	267	215	84	88	198
1984 TOTALS	3.86	89-73	33	162	1,464	1,433	628	528	875

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Aikens, Willie	DH	.205	93	234	21	48	11	26
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Hernandez, Toby	C	.500	3	2	1	1	0	0
Iorg, Garth	IF	.227	121	247	24	56	1	25
Johnson, Cliff	DH	.304	127	359	51	109	16	61
Leach, Rick	1B-OF	.261	65	88	11	23	0	7
Manrique, Fred	IF	.333	10	9	0	3	0	1
Martinez, Buck	C	.220	102	232	24	51	5	37
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1984 TOTALS		.273	162	5,678	750	1,555	143	702

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## 1984 FINAL STANDINGS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB	WEST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB
Detroit	104	58	.642	—	Kansas City	84	78	.519	—
Blue Jays	89	73	.549	15	California	81	81	.500	3
New York	87	75	.537	17	Minnesota	81	81	.500	3
Boston	86	76	.531	18	Oakland	77	85	.475	7
Baltimore	85	77	.525	19	Chicago	74	88	.457	10
Cleveland	75	87	.463	29	Seattle	74	88	.457	10
Milwaukee	67	94	.416	36½	Texas	69	92	.429	14½

ALCS: Detroit defeated Kansas City, three games to none.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB	WEST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	96	65	.596	—	San Diego	92	70	.568	—
New York	90	72	.556	6½	Atlanta	80	82	.494	12
St. Louis	84	78	.519	12½	Houston	80	82	.494	12
Philadelphia	81	81	.500	15½	Los Angeles	79	83	.488	13
Montreal	78	83	.484	18	Cincinnati	70	92	.432	22
Pittsburgh	75	87	.463	21½	San Francisco	66	96	.407	26

NLCS: San Diego defeated Chicago, three games to two.

WORLD SERIES: Detroit defeated San Diego, four games to one.

## 1984 MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING	.343	Don Mattingly	NY
HOME RUNS	43	Tony Armas	Bos
RBIs	123	Tony Armas	Bos
STOLEN BASES	66	Rickey Henderson	Oak
PITCHING ERA	2.79	Mike Boddicker	Balt
WINS	20	Mike Boddicker	Balt
SAVES	44	Dan Quisenberry	KC

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING	.351	Tony Gwynn	SD
HOME RUNS	36	Dale Murphy	Atl
HOME RUNS	36	Mike Schmidt	Phil
STOLEN BASES	75	Tim Lincecum	Mtl
PITCHING ERA	2.48	Alejandro Pena	LA
WINS	20	Joaquin Andujar	StL
SAVES	45	Bruce Sutter	StL

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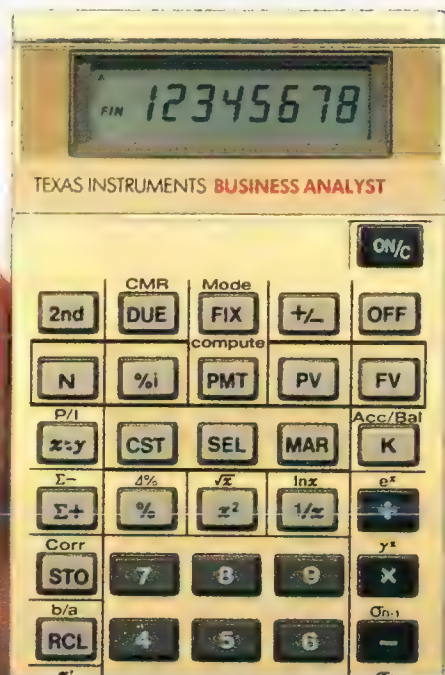
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# 1985

## THE DREAM COMES TRUE AS THE JAYS WIN BASEBALL'S TOUGHEST DIVISION

October 5, 1985. The ball is still in the air, heading for left field, but Ernie Whitt leaps up from his crouch and thrusts a fist in the air. At the corners, Garth and Willie leap for joy like little boys. In the dugout, the veteran Jim Clancy slaps his hands together in satisfaction. The moment is sweetest for these, the oldest of the Blue Jays, as the ball disappears into George Bell's glove, giving them the East division championship, eight years and 181 days after their birth as a team. When Doyle Alexander was carried off the field after defeating the New York Yankees 5-1, the Blue Jays saw their dream come true. In nine seasons of highlights and heartbreaks, they had gone from worst to first.

No one had expected the Jays to win the division in 1985. After all, last season they had finished a full 15 games behind Detroit and there were still question marks after 1984. It was a time for bold moves. The Blue Jays made them. In January, they sent two of the club's most popular players, Alfredo Griffin and Dave Collins, the BBWAA's Player of the Year, to Oakland for ace reliever Bill Caudill. Then they sent starter Jim Gott and two minor leaguers to San Francisco for lefty Gary Lavelle. The trades made full-time regulars of George Bell, Jesse Barfield and Tony Fernandez, and meant that Jimmy Key would move from the bullpen to the starting rotation. Dennis Lamp would return to his role as long and middle reliever after his stint as a short man in '84. The rest of the club was a group of regulars that had been together for several years, with one notable exception — designated hitter. The Jays lost Cliff Johnson to free agency. He signed with the Texas Rangers. As compensation, they received an unheralded pitcher for whom no one except the Blue Jays had much regard. The right-hander was assigned to Syracuse. His name, Tom Henke. The season started with a loss, as usual, but a prophetic



one — Dave Stieb losing to Bud Black 2-1. Then Bill Caudill paid immediate returns, winning the next two games. The Jays stayed in the middle of the pack until a six-game winning streak at the

end of April propelled them into first place on a relief win by Dennis Lamp. It was followed by Jimmy Key's first win as a starter, beating California 6-3 on May 1st. Key's win was the first by a Jays' left-handed starter in 614 games, or over four years! On May 13th, the Jays found themselves in first place all alone. Although it would be a nerve-wracking ride, they would stay atop the AL East for the rest of the season.

The Jays had finally seemed to solve their most pressing problem, a dependable bullpen. But it was not as easy as landing the big names Caudill and Lavelle. Caudill, the hard-throwing right-hander, ran into problems after a strong early start. Versatile Jim Acker, however, took up the slack. Cast into the role of short reliever, the big Texan went 7-2 with 10 saves, most of his success coming early in the season, until his next chance to shine — in post-season play. Among the starters, Doyle Alexander was his usual dependable self, winning a club-high 17 games for the second year in a row. Jimmy Key was everything the Jays hoped for, winning 14 games, losing just six, with the league's fourth-best ERA, 3.00. He never lost two games in a row, one of only two pitchers in the league to avoid back-to-back defeats. The other, Bret Saberhagen, would win the Cy Young Award and the World Series. Jim Clancy, however, who had performed so many heroics in the rough going of the early years, suffered a sudden attack of appendicitis in spring training and never caught up to his early form, though he went 9-5. Luis Leal endured a terrible stretch and was sent down to Syracuse in July. He was replaced by Tom Filer, whose major league experience consisted of eight games with the

### OPENING DAY AT KANSAS CITY

April 8, 1985

Royals 2  
Jays 1

Damaso Garcia, 2b  
Lloyd Moseby, cf  
George Bell, lf  
Jesse Barfield, rf  
Jeff Burroughs, dh  
Willie Upshaw, 1b  
Buck Martinez, c  
Garth Iorg, 3b  
Tony Fernandez, ss  
Dave Stieb, p

WP — Bud Black  
LP — Dave Stieb  
HR — None

Att — 41,086



Chicago Cubs. Filer, however, enjoyed a charmed season, going 7-0 until an arm injury forced him out of action late in the year. Dave Stieb, however, never realized the big winning season that a solid bullpen should have provided him, somehow managing to finish only 14-13 despite leading the league in ERA at 2.48, his best mark ever. The bullpen as a whole was the best in the league, winning the Rolaids relief award, an achievement previously unthinkable, for their 47 saves and 35-20 won-lost record. It was an achievement that was made possible with the final piece of the puzzle falling into place. On July 28th, the phone rang in Syracuse, summoning six-foot-five-inch Tom Henke and his 95 mile-an-hour fastball to the major leagues. The bespectacled right-hander became a fan favourite, even winning a not-so-original nickname, "The Terminator," for his exploits that saw him save 13 games in 15 chances, becoming the number one reliever in the second half of the season. Overall, the Blue Jays pitching staff was the best in the American League.

The offense, as usual, was more than just pretty good.

George Bell and Jesse Barfield led the attack, waging a battle for Player of the Year honours, Barfield narrowly winning the award which had more deserving candidates than ever. Even off years by Willie Upshaw and Lloyd Moseby were atoned for by their late season clutch play to stave off the charging Yankees. Only the designated hitter spot was weak, with five players sharing the job until the Jays decided they had to reacquire Cliff Johnson in late August. By then, it couldn't prevent the team's DH totals from being the least productive in the league. The bench was thin as well, since the roster included two youngsters chosen for the future in the major league draft from Class A ball, 19-year-old Manny Lee and 21-year-old Lou Thornton.

The season soon became a two-team dogfight. The first-place Blue Jays endured a late-season charge by a team that had won the division four times since the Jays came into being. The New York Yankees, driven by Billy Martin, closed to 1½ games in early September. Showdown time in storied Yankee Stadium came in a four-game series that drew over 200,000 rabid fans. With two heavyweights, eye to eye, the Yankees blinked. Though the Jays lost the first game through uncharacteristic sloppy play, they won the next three to move the Yankees 4½ games out of first place. But the Yankee charge continued. The season would end with three head-to-head encounters in Toronto. In one 24-hour period, all the emotions of a pennant race, of nine years of winning and losing, would be felt in a wild roller coaster ride of the heart that is baseball at its big league best.

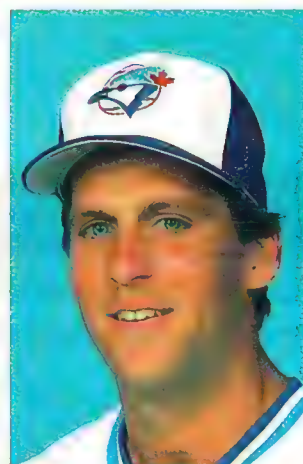
In front of their largest home crowd ever, over 47,000 pennant-hungry fans, the Blue Jays lost the Friday night opener in one of the most heartbreaking defeats in club history, leaving Yankee fans smirking. The loss included a dropped fly ball by brilliant centre fielder Lloyd Moseby, a fly ball that could have won the game and clinched the title. Instead, the Jays had to regroup. Moseby spent a sleepless night, but the fans, who had been through it all with him, were forgiving. The next afternoon, he walked to the plate oblivious to the cheers of encouragement and support. "The Shaker," who had struggled through an often-frustrating season, delivered the hit that started the Blue Jays on their way to their biggest victory ever.

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**In his first year as a starter, 24-year-old left-hander Jimmy Key posted an impressive 14-6 record and a fine 3.00 earned-run average that was third-best in the**

league. He started the first meeting of the season between the Jays and the defending champion Tigers, a memorable encounter in Detroit. Jimmy took a no-hitter into the ninth inning, leaving the game a scoreless tie after 10 shutout innings in which he allowed just two hits. A Buck Martinez home run won it later and Jimmy's stellar pitching all season was a big part of the Blue Jays' first championship season. Jimmy was used as a reliever in 1984.

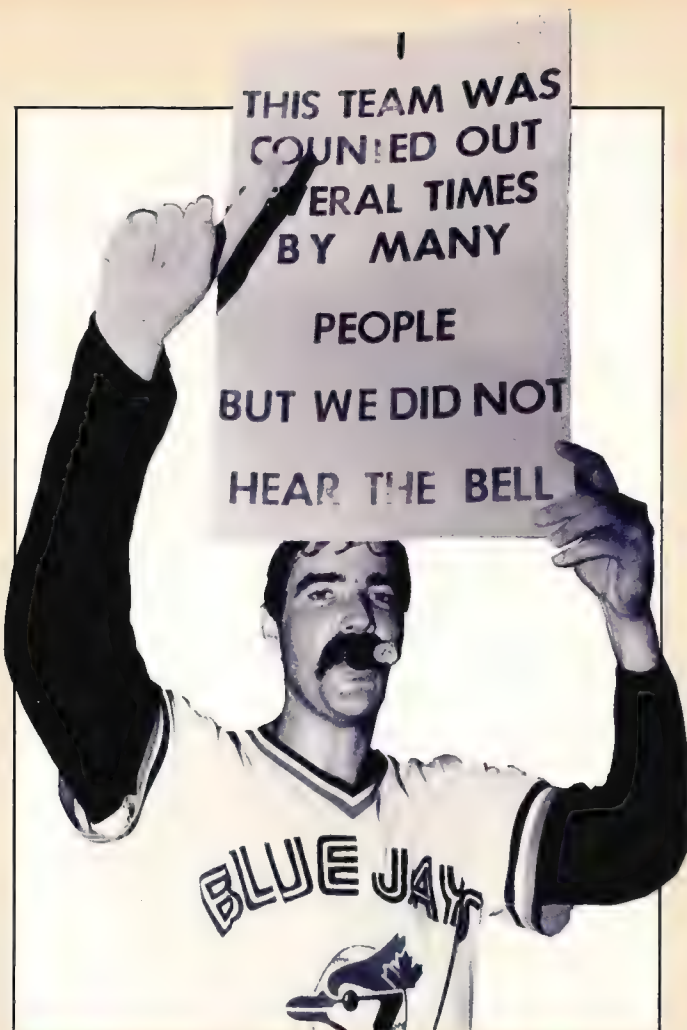


**The Jays called up 28-year-old Tom Filer in July when Luis Leal faltered**

and was sent to Syracuse. A veteran of seven pro seasons and eight games in the majors with the Cubs in 1982, Filer won seven of his nine starts to solidify the starting rotation in the second half of the season, never

losing a game. An elbow problem that bothered him all season (although it was hard to tell, since he went 7-2 at Syracuse) finally caught up with him and he was put on the disabled list near the end of the season, missing the League Championship Series. Tom was expected to continue his winning ways in 1986, but an operation on his ailing arm means that he will be lost for the entire season.





# 1985

**Dennis Lamp's outstanding contributions in 1985 point out the all-round team effort the Jays made to win the division title. The right-hander posted a perfect 11-0 record in the often-neglected role of middle relief, setting a record for most relief wins without a loss in a single season. It was sweet satisfaction after Dennis struggled through 1984 and he earned both Pitcher of the Year and Most Improved Player awards from the baseball writers' association. He was the most dependable pitcher in the game at holding down opponents and did not allow an inherited baserunner to score until September! In the American League Championship Series, he was flawless, working in three games and allowing just two hits and no runs to the Royals. In previous post-season play as a member of the Chicago White Sox, in 1982, Dennis also appeared in three games without allowing an earned run.**

**Bill Caudill was without question the most-ballyhooed acquisition ever by the Blue Jays. Although the right-hander set a new team record for saves with 14, it was an off-year for a man who had been one of the dominant relievers in baseball, totalling 88 saves in the three previous years with Seattle and Oakland. Although the players traded to get him (Dave Collins and Alfredo Griffin) were effectively replaced, the failures of bullpens past created a demand for greater success in 1985. Twelve of his saves came before the end of July, but arm problems limited**



him to just two afterwards. His confidence, enthusiasm, and frank demeanor kept fans rooting for him to regain the form that made him one of the most dependable game-closers in all of baseball. Bill began the 1986 season on the disabled list, despite reporting to camp in the best shape of his career and working hard to renew his delivery and fastball which will be valuable to the Jays when he regains his form.



**Although Gary Lavelle didn't throw many pitches in 1985, he was remarkably efficient. Providing the dependable left-handed relief the Jays needed to neutralize the potent lefty bats of their competition in the East division, he was an important complement to righties Jim Acker, Bill Caudill, and Tom Henke in short-relief situations. In a club-record 69 relief appearances, Gary worked merely 72 innings. He took**

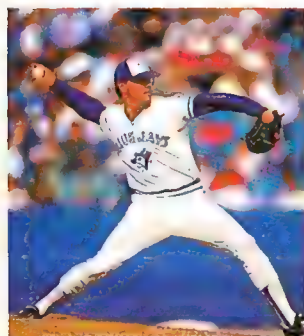
the loss in the first game of the crucial mid-September series in Yankee Stadium, but bounced back the following day to get the win as the Jays swept the next three. Plagued by elbow problems all year, the veteran of 11 seasons with the San Francisco Giants underwent a major operation on his arm in April, requiring replacement of a tendon, and will be lost to the Jays for 1986 and leaving his fine career in doubt.





**Original Blue Jay Ernie Whitt had his best season ever to anchor the Jays' Drive of '85. The veteran catcher hit 19 homers and drove in 64 runs, the most of his career.**

Ernie took on most of the catching workload after platoonmate Buck Martinez was lost for the season in July. He appeared in 27 of the club's last 29 games, crucial ones in the pennant race, despite a sore shoulder. Ernie first appeared with the Jays in 1977.



**No one except the Blue Jays thought much of right-hander Tom Henke when**

the club selected him as compensation for losing Cliff Johnson to free agency, but he soon became a household name in

Toronto. After being called up from Syracuse on July 28th, he became the team's ace reliever, saving 13 games in 15 opportunities. His 95 mile-an-hour fastball was especially tough on right-handed hitters, who batted a mere .180 against him. Lefties didn't fare much better, hitting only .225. His combined .206 opponents batting average was lowest on the staff and among the best in baseball. In addition, Tom walked only eight batters, while striking out 42. In post-season play, Tom got the win in two of the three victories over Kansas City in the American League Championship Series.

**Left-fielder George Bell led the Blue Jays' offense for most of the season and**

had 18 home runs at the All-Star break. He was the club leader in home runs with 28 and his 95 RBIs and 291 total bases also were most on the team. In one hot streak in August, George hit four homers in four games, three of them monstrous blows at Chicago's Comiskey Park. He became one of only a handful of players ever to hit a ball onto the roof, doing it twice in the series. He also hit a mammoth blast into the deep center field bleachers off Tom Seaver. George also stole 21 bases, the most of his career, and tied a club record with two grand slams in the same season. He has yet to homer twice in one game.



**The architect of the Blue Jays, Pat Gillick won the Major League Executive of**

the Year award in tribute to his patient, exhaustive efforts to build a winning ballclub in just nine seasons. Making good on the promises of the first years, (although ahead of schedule) the 1985 Blue Jays indeed were made up of young players devel-

oped from within the organization. By 1985, most of the Blue Jays' key position players and starting pitchers had been together since the late seventies, mainly in the farm system. Only three regulars were acquired through trades — Damaso Garcia, Buck Martinez and Rance Mulliniks (and none of the players traded for them are currently productive in the majors). One, Dennis Lamp, was signed as a free agent. Four key Blue Jays were acquired by shrewd use of the previously little-known "major league draft." Gillick and his staff's acumen has brought the team Willie Upshaw, George Bell, Jim Acker, and Kelly Gruber by this method. Only the bullpen contains new players acquired mainly from the outside the organization. Many former players such as Doug Ault, Hector Torres, and John Mayberry remain as minor league managers or coaches, providing continuity and loyalty through all levels of the farm system.





**Blue Jays fans shared the thrill of victory after the division-clinching 5-1 win over the Yankees on October 5th, spilling into the streets in good-natured celebration** in Toronto, while elsewhere across the country, news flashes announcing the event interrupted TV & radio programs as well as public gatherings. The night before, the Jays suffered their most heartbreaking loss ever, 4-3 in 10 innings, in front of their largest crowd ever, 47,686. In less than 24 hours the team and the fans went from agony to ecstasy as George Bell caught Ron Hassey's fly ball to seal the win for Doyle Alexander. The Jays battled the Kansas City Royals in the League Championship Series and lost a closely-fought seven-game series as the Royals came back to win and eventually went on to win the World Series in similar fashion over the St. Louis Cardinals. Blue Jays fans can take heart in the fact that the Royals didn't make it to the World Series in their first post-season try either. In fact, they lost three times before finally making it in 1980. Jays' fans set an all-time club attendance record in 1985, with 2,468,925 fans packing Exhibition Stadium for the best season — so far!

# 1985



## **The Blue Jays' Player of the Year, Jesse Barfield combined power, average,**

**speed and defense to typify the all-round effort the Jays made in winning the tough East Division. His .289 average was 15th in the league and his .536 slugging average was fifth best. Jesse's rifle arm also claimed 22 victims (eight on double plays) to lead all major league outfielders. A**

**consistently solid offensive force all during the season and a big part of the team's stretch drive, Jesse hit .365 and slugged at a .635 clip in August, and went .306-.583 in the final month of the season. In the American League Championship Series against Kansas City, Jesse hit a homer and had four RBIs, hitting safely in six games.**



## **The Jays fell just one win short of going to the World Series as they lost the league championship series to the Kansas City Royals in seven games despite winning**

**three of the first four. The most exciting was Game Two in Toronto, a dramatic come from behind win in 10 innings. The Royals tied the game up in the top of the ninth and went ahead 5-4 in the 10th, partially due to a disputed call on an apparent catch by Lloyd Moseby. The Jays replied with two runs in the bottom of the 10th to win it on a rally started by Lloyd Moseby. The decisive blow of the game came on a two-run single off Kansas City relief ace Dan Quisenberry by Al Oliver. Moseby led the club in post-season play with five runs scored but the Royals won the last three games of the series to make their second trip to the fall classic. Before winning in 1980, they had lost in the league championships a heartbreaking three times in a row.**



# 1985 BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

MANAGER	W	L	PCT	POS	GA	ATT.
Bobby Cox	99	62	.615	1st	2	2,468,925
LABATT'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER					Jesse Barfield	
LABATT'S MOST VALUABLE PITCHER					Dave Stieb	
BBWAA PLAYER OF THE YEAR					Jesse Barfield	
BBWAA PITCHER OF THE YEAR					Dennis Lamp	
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER					Dennis Lamp	

PITCHER	ERA	W-L	SV	G	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
Acker, Jim	3.23	7-2	10	61	86	86	31	43	42
Alexander, Doyle	3.45	17-10	0	36	261	268	100	67	142
Caudill, Bill	2.99	4-6	14	67	69	53	23	35	46
Cerutti, John	5.40	0-2	4	4	7	10	4	4	5
Clancy, Jim	3.78	9-6	0	23	129	117	54	37	66
Clarke, Stan	4.50	0-0	0	4	4	3	2	2	2
Davis, Steve	3.54	2-1	0	10	28	23	11	13	22
Filer, Tom	3.88	7-0	0	11	49	38	21	18	24
Henke, Tom	2.03	3-3	13	28	40	29	9	8	42
Key, Jimmy	3.00	14-6	0	35	213	188	71	50	85
Lamp, Dennis	3.32	11-0	2	53	106	96	39	27	68
Lavelle, Gary	3.10	5-7	8	69	73	54	25	36	50
Leal, Luis	5.75	3-6	0	15	67	82	43	24	33
Musselman, Ron	4.47	3-0	0	25	52	59	26	24	29
Stieb, Dave	2.48	14-13	0	36	265	206	73	96	167
1985 TOTALS	3.29	99-62	47	161	1,448	1,312	529	484	823

BATTER	POS	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI
Aikens, Willie	DH	.200	12	20	2	4	1	5
Allenson, Gary	C	.118	14	34	2	4	0	3
Barfield, Jesse	OF	.289	155	539	94	156	27	84
Bell, George	OF	.275	157	607	87	167	28	95
Burroughs, Jeff	DH	.257	86	191	19	49	6	28
Fernandez, T.	SS	.289	161	564	71	163	2	51
Felder, C.	1B-DH	.311	30	74	6	23	4	16
Garcia, Damaso	2B	.282	146	600	70	169	8	65
Gruber, Kelly	IF	.231	5	13	0	13	0	1
Hearron, Jeff	C	.143	4	7	0	1	0	0
Iorg, Garth	IF	.313	131	288	33	90	7	37
Johnson, C.	DH-1B	.260	106	369	35	96	13	66
Leach, Rick	1B-OF	.200	16	35	2	7	0	1
Lee, Manny	IF	.200	64	40	9	8	0	0
Martinez, Buck	C	.162	42	99	11	16	4	14
Matuszek, L.	DH-1B	.212	62	151	23	32	2	15
Moseby, Lloyd	OF	.259	152	584	92	151	18	71
Mulliniks, R.	3B	.295	129	366	55	108	10	56
Nicosia, Steve	C	.267	6	15	0	4	0	1
Oliver, Al	DH	.251	61	187	20	47	5	23
Shepherd, Ron	OF	.114	38	35	7	4	0	1
Thornton, Lou	OF	.236	56	72	18	17	1	8
Upshaw, Willie	1B	.275	148	501	79	138	15	65
Webster, Mitch	OF	.000	4	1	0	0	0	0
Whitt, Ernie	C	.245	139	412	55	101	19	64
Designated Hitters		.247	161	600	77	148	13	78
Pinch-Hitters		.222	—	167	18	37	4	29
1985 TOTALS		.269	161	5,508	759	1,482	158	714

## 1985 FINAL STANDINGS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB	WEST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB
Blue Jays	.99	62	.615	—	Kansas City	.91	71	.562	—
New York	.97	64	.602	2	California	.90	72	.556	1
Detroit	.84	77	.522	15	Chicago	.85	77	.525	6
Baltimore	.83	78	.516	16	Minnesota	.77	85	.475	14
Boston	.81	81	.500	18½	Oakland	.77	85	.475	14
Milwaukee	.71	90	.441	28	Seattle	.74	88	.457	17
Cleveland	.60	102	.370	39½	Texas	.62	99	.385	28½

ALCS: Kansas City defeated Blue Jays, four games to three.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB	WEST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB
St. Louis	.101	61	.623	—	Los Angeles	.95	67	.586	—
New York	.98	64	.605	3	Cincinnati	.89	72	.553	5½
Montreal	.84	77	.522	16½	Houston	.83	79	.512	12
Chicago	.77	84	.478	23½	San Diego	.83	79	.512	12
Philadelphia	.75	87	.463	26	Atlanta	.66	96	.407	29
Pittsburgh	.57	104	.354	43½	San Francisco	.62	100	.383	33

NLCS: St. Louis defeated Los Angeles, four games to two.

WORLD SERIES: Kansas City defeated St. Louis, four games to three.

## 1985 MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING	.368	Wade Boggs	Bos
HOME RUNS	40	Darrell Evans	Det
RBIs	145	Don Mattingly	Mtl
STOLEN BASES	80	Rickey Henderson	NY
PITCHING ERA	2.48	Dave Stieb	Tor
WINS	22	Ron Guidry	NY
SAVES	37	Dan Quisenberry	KC
STRIKEOUTS	206	Bert Blyleven	Cl, Minn

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING	.353	Willie McGee	StL
HOME RUNS	37	Dale Murphy	Atl
RBIs	125	Dave Parker	Cinn
STOLEN BASES	110	Vince Coleman	StL
PITCHING ERA	1.53	Dwight Gooden	NY
WINS	24	Dwight Gooden	NY
SAVES	41	Jeff Reardon	Mtl
STRIKEOUTS	268	Dwight Gooden	NY





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# ALL TIME BLUE JAYS ROSTER MANAGERS, COACHES AND PLAYERS, 1977 thru 1985

Total number of players — 153  
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## MANAGERS

Cox, Bobby ('82-'85)  
Hartsfield, Roy ('77-'79)  
Mattick, Bobby ('80-'81)

## COACHES

Doerr, Bobby ('77-'81)  
Felske, John ('80-'81)  
Gaston, Cito ('82-)  
Guerrero, Epy ('81)  
Leppert, Don ('77-'79)  
Menke, Denis ('80-'81)  
Miller, Bob ('77-'79)  
Moore, Jackie ('77-'79)  
Smith, Billy ('84-)  
Sullivan, John ('82-)  
Warner, Harry ('77-'80)  
Widmar, Al ('80-)  
Williams, Jimmy ('80-'85)

## PLAYERS

### A

Acker, Jim (rhp) ('83-)  
Adams, Glenn (dh) ('82)  
Ainge, Dan (if-of) ('79-'81)  
Aikens, Willie (dh-1b) ('84-'85)  
Alberts, Butch (dh) ('78)  
Alexander, Doyle (rhp) ('83-)  
Allenson, Gary (c) ('85)  
Ashby, Alan (c) ('77-'78)  
Ault, Doug (1b-of) ('77-'78; '80)

### B

Bailor, Bob (if-of-p) ('77-'80)  
Baker, Dave (if) ('82)  
Barfield, Jesse (of) ('81-)  
Barlow, Mike (rhp) ('80-'81)  
Beamon, Charlie (1b-dh) ('81)  
Bell, George (of) ('81; '83-)  
Berenguer, Juan (rhp) ('81)  
Bomback, Mark (rhp) ('81-'82)  
Bonnell, Barry (of) ('80-'83)  
Bosetti, Rick (of) ('78-'81)  
Bowling, Steve (of) ('77)  
Braun, Steve (if-dh) ('80)  
Brown, Bobby (of) ('79)  
Bruno, Tom (rhp) ('77)  
Burroughs, Jeff (dh) ('85)  
Buskey, Tom (rhp) ('78-'80)  
Byrd, Jeff (rhp) ('77)

### C

Cannon, J.J. (of) ('79)  
Carty, Rico (dh) ('78-'79)

Caudill, Bill (rhp) ('85-)  
Cerone, Rick (c) ('77-'79)  
Cerutti, John (1hp) ('85-)  
Clancy, Jim (rhp) ('77-)  
Clark, Bryan (1hp) ('84)  
Clarke, Stan (1hp) ('83; '85)  
Coleman, Joe (rhp) ('78)  
Collins, Dave (of) ('83-'84)  
Cooper, Don (rhp) ('83)  
Cox, Ted (if) ('81)  
Cruz, Victor (rhp) ('78)

### D

Darr, Mike (rhp) ('77)  
Davis, Bob (c) ('80)  
Davis, Dick (of) ('82)  
Davis, Steve (1hp) ('85-)  
DeBarr, Dennis (1hp) ('77)

### E

Edge, Butch (rhp) ('79)  
Eichhorn, Mark (rhp) ('82)  
Espinosa, Nino (rhp) ('81)  
Ewing, Sam (if-of-dh) ('77-'78)

### F

Fairly, Ron (if-of) ('77)  
Fernandez, Tony (if) ('83-)  
Fielder, Cecil (dh-1b) ('85-)  
Filer, Tom (rhp) ('85-)  
Freisleben, Dave (rhp) ('79)

### G

Garcia, Damaso (if) ('80-)  
Garcia, Pedro (if) ('77)  
Garvin, Jerry (1hp) ('77-'82)  
Geisel, Dave (1hp) ('82-'83)  
Gomez, Luis (if) ('78-'79)  
Gott, Jim (rhp) ('82-'84)  
Griffin, Alfredo (if) ('79-'84)  
Grilli, Steve (rhp) ('79)  
Gruber, Kelly (if-of) ('84-)

### H

Hargan, Steve (rhp) ('77)  
Hartenstein, Chuck (rhp) ('77)  
Hearron, Jeff (c) ('85-)  
Henke, Tom (rhp) ('85-)  
Hernandez, Pedro (if-of) ('79; '82)  
Hernandez, Toby (c) ('84)  
Hodgson, Paul (of) ('80)  
Horton, Willie (dh) ('78)  
Howell, Roy (if) ('77-'80)

Huffman, Phil (rhp) ('79)  
Hutton, Tommy (if-of) ('78)

### I

Iorg, Garth (if-of) ('78; '80-)

### J

Jackson, Roy Lee (rhp) ('81-'84)  
Jefferson, Jesse (rhp) ('77-'80)  
Johnson, Anthony (of) ('82)  
Johnson, Cliff (dh) ('83-)  
Johnson, Jerry (rhp) ('77)  
Johnson, Tim (if) ('78-'79)

### K

Kelly, Pat (c) ('80)  
Key, Jimmy (1hp) ('84-)  
Kirkwood, Don (rhp) ('78)  
Klutts, Mickey (if) ('83)  
Kucek, Jack (rhp) ('78)  
Kusick, Craig (if-p) ('79)

### L

Lamp, Dennis (rhp) ('84-)  
Lavelle, Gary (1hp) ('85-)  
Leach, Rick (1b-of-p) ('84-)  
Leal, Luis (rhp) ('80-)  
Lee, Manny (if) ('85)  
Lemanczyk, Dave (rhp) ('77-'80)  
Lemongello, Mark (rhp) ('79)  
Luebber, Steve (rhp) ('79)

### M

Macha, Ken (if) ('81)  
Macha, Mike (if) ('80)  
Manrique, Fred (if) ('81; '84)  
Martinez, Buck (c) ('81-)  
Mason, Jim (if) ('77)  
Matuszek, Len (dh) ('85)  
Mayberry, John (1b) ('78-'82)  
McKay, Dave (if) ('77-'79)  
McLaughlin, Joey (rhp) ('80-'84)  
Miller, Dyar (rhp) ('79)  
Milner, Brian (c) ('78)  
Mirabella, Paul (1hp) ('78-'81)  
Moffitt, Randy (rhp) ('83)  
Moore, Balor (1hp) ('78-'80)  
Morgan, Mike (rhp) ('83)  
Moseby, Lloyd (of) ('80-)  
Mulliniks, Rance (if) ('82-)  
Murphy, Tom (rhp) ('77-'79)  
Murray, Dale (rhp) ('81-'82)  
Musselman, Ron (rhp) ('84-'85)

### N

Nicosia, Steve (c) ('85)  
Nordbrook, Tim (if) ('77)  
Nordhagen, Wayne (of-dh) ('82)

### O

Oliver, Al (dh) ('85)  
Orta, Jorge (of-dh) ('83)

### P

Petralli, Geno (c) ('82-'84)  
Powell, Hosken (of-dh) ('82-'83)

### R

Rader, Doug (if) ('77)  
Ramos, Domingo (if) ('80)  
Revering, Dave (1b-dh) ('82)  
Roberts, Leon (of-dh) ('82)  
Robertson, Bob (1b-dh) ('79)  
Roof, Phil (c) ('77)

### S

Schrom, Ken (rhp) ('80; '82)  
Scott, John (of) ('77)  
Senteney, Steve (rhp) ('82)  
Shepherd, Ron (of) ('84-)  
Singer, Bill (rhp) ('77)  
Solaita, Tony (1b-dh) ('79)  
Staggs, Steve (if) ('77)  
Stieb, Dave (rhp-of) ('79-)

### T

Thornton, Lou (of) ('85)  
Todd, Jackson (rhp) ('79-'81)  
Torres, Hector (if) ('77)

### U

Underwood, Tom (1hp) ('78-'79)  
Upshaw, Willie (if-of) ('78; '80-)

### V

Velez, Otto (if-of-dh) ('77-'82)  
Vuckovich, Pete (rhp) ('77)

### W

Wallace, Dave (rhp) ('78)  
Webster, Mitch (of) ('83-'85)  
Wells, Greg (1b-dh) ('81)  
Whitmer, Dan (c) ('81)  
Whitt, Ernie (c) ('77-'78; '80-)  
Wilborn, Ted (of-pr) ('79)  
Wiley, Mark (rhp) ('78)  
Williams, Matt (rhp) ('83)  
Willis, Mike (1hp) ('77-'81)  
Woods, Al (of) ('77-'82)  
Woods, Gary (of) ('77-'78)



## BATTING

YEAR	AVG	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SH-SF	SB	SLUG %
1977	.252	161	5419	605	1367	2099	230	41	100	552	499	819	81-34	65	.365
1978	.250	161	5430	590	1358	1947	217	39	98	550	448	645	77-37	28	.359
1979	.251	162	5423	613	1362	1968	253	34	95	562	448	663	65-38	75	.363
1980	.251	162	5571	624	1398	2131	249	53	126	580	448	813	63-34	67	.383
1981	.226	106	3521	329	797	1163	137	23	61	314	284	556	44-18	66	.330
1982	.262	162	5526	651	1447	2117	262	45	106	605	415	749	48-50	118	.383
1983	.277	162	5581	795	1546	2431	268	58	167	748	510	810	36-54	131	.436
1984	.273	163	5687	750	1555	2395	275	58	143	702	460	816	35-49	193	.421
1985	.269	161	5508	759	1482	2343	281	53	158	714	503	807	21-44	143	.425

## PITCHING

YEAR	W-L	ERA	G	RE	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	HB
1977	54-107	4.57	348	187	40	3	20	1428	1568	822	725	152	623	771	20
1978	59-102	4.55	374	213	35	5	23	1429	1529	775	723	149	614	758	22
1979	53-109	4.82	357	195	44	7	11	1417	1537	862	759	165	594	613	40
1980	67-95	4.19	448	286	39	9	23	1466	1523	762	683	135	635	705	28
1981	37-69	3.81	295	189	20	4	18	953	908	466	404	72	377	451	36
1982	78-84	3.95	382	220	41	13	25	1444	1428	701	633	147	493	776	25
1983	89-73	4.12	419	257	43	8	32	1445	1434	726	662	145	517	835	42
1984	89-73	3.86	420	257	34	10	33	1464	1433	696	628	140	528	875	34
1985	99-62	3.29	477	316	18	9	47	1448	1312	588	529	147	484	823	26

## FIELDING

YEAR	PCT	PO	A	E	TC	DP	TP	PB	RANK
1977	.974	4285	1798	164	6247	133	0	7	13
1978	.979	4288	1763	128	6179	163	1	16	5
1979	.975	4251	1878	158	6287	186	2	8	12
1980	.979	4398	1939	133	6470	206	0	8	3
1981	.975	2860	1164	105	4129	102	0	4	14
1982	.978	4331	1768	136	6235	146	0	7	11
1983	.981	4336	1637	115	6088	148	0	7	3
1984	.980	4392	1669	123	6184	166	0	9	4
1985	.980	4344	1729	125	6198	164	0	3	7

## DESIGNATED HITTING

YEAR	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH-SF	BB	SO	HP	SB-CS	SLUG %	RANK
1977	.269	583	75	157	27	2	22	87	9-8	76	108	4	4-4	.436	5
1978	.250	621	75	155	25	0	25	96	1-8	52	83	1	2-3	.411	10
1979	.260	599	71	156	37	1	18	82	1-6	66	74	1	3-2	.416	8
1980	.229	599	73	137	21	4	22	84	1-5	75	129	1	1-0	.387	14
1981	.212	363	45	77	14	2	13	36	3-2	64	75	4	3-6	.369	13
1982	.238	596	52	142	18	3	8	56	1-8	60	91	0	7-16	.319	14
1983	.250	604	86	151	29	3	34	113	1-6	81	101	5	0-2	.477	12
1984	.270	612	91	165	32	1	27	93	0-4	79	121	5	4-4	.458	4
1985	.247	600	77	148	22	5	13	78	0-8	61	85	1	5-5	.365	6

## PINCH HITTING

YEAR	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH-SF	BB	SO	HP	SB-CS	SLUG %
1977	.280	93	10	26	2	1	5	23	1-2	11	17	0	3-1	.484
1978	.236	123	11	29	4	0	2	18	0-1	15	22	2	0-0	.317
1979	.231	52	5	12	3	0	4	14	0-0	11	12	0	0-0	.519
1980	.280	100	10	28	4	0	3	15	0-0	14	15	1	0-0	.410
1981	.234	77	4	18	3	0	1	15	0-0	11	19	0	0-3	.312
1982	.271	262	24	71	14	0	4	53	1-3	39	48	1	2-0	.370
1983	.290	200	26	58	8	0	5	42	0-5	28	36	1	1-0	.405
1984	.284	215	29	61	10	2	6	39	1-4	30	51	1	2-1	.433
1985	.222	167	18	37	4	1	4	29	3-4	19	4	1	1-1	.329

## WON-LOST

YEAR	W-L	PCT	POS	GB	HOME ATT.	MANAGER
1977	54-107	.335	7th	45-1/2	1,701,052	Roy Hartsfield
1978	59-102	.366	7th	50	1,562,585	Roy Hartsfield
1979	53-109	.327	7th	50-1/2	1,431,651	Roy Hartsfield
1980	67-95	.414	7th	36	1,400,327	Bob Mattick
1981	16-42 (1st half) 21-27 (2nd half)	.276	7th	19	—	Bob Mattick
1982	78-84	.438	7th	7-1/2	755,083	Bob Mattick
1983	89-73	.481	T6th	17	1,275,978	Bobby Cox
1984	89-73	.549	4th	9	1,930,415	Bobby Cox
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ADAMS	.258	30	66	2	17	4	0	1	11	0-3	0	4	5	0-0
AINGE	.220	211	665	57	146	19	4	2	37	12-3	4	37	128	12-5
AIKENS	.205	105	254	23	52	8	0	12	31	0-1	2	32	62	0-0
ALBERTS	.278	6	18	1	5	1	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	2	0-0
ALLENSON	.118	14	34	2	4	1	0	0	3	0-0	0	0	10	0-0
ASHBY	.230	205	660	52	152	31	3	11	58	14-2	3	78	82	1-3
AULT	.234	247	693	66	162	28	5	17	86	5-4	7	70	105	4-5
BAILOR	.264	523	1878	230	495	75	19	8	138	21-11	15	127	107	46-28
BAKER	.250	9	20	3	5	1	0	0	2	1-0	2	3	3	0-0
BARFIELD	.267	557	1736	265	464	77	17	88	268	8-11	14	169	407	37-22
BEAMON	.200	8	15	1	3	1	0	0	0	0-0	0	2	2	0-0
BELL	.277	435	1488	196	412	74	15	60	211	0-6	14	99	273	37-15
BONNELL	.281	457	1504	184	422	76	14	33	187	10-13	6	114	187	28-12
BOSETTI	.252	376	1422	149	359	69	8	17	119	13-10	8	69	170	23-30
BOWLING	.206	89	194	19	40	8	1	1	13	3-2	0	37	41	2-3
BRAUN	.273	37	55	4	15	2	0	1	9	0-0	0	8	5	0-0
BROWN	.000	4	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	2	1	0-0
BURROUGHS	.257	86	191	19	49	9	3	6	28	0-2	0	34	36	0-1
CANNON	.177	131	192	30	34	1	1	1	9	3-0	1	1	48	14-4
CARTY	.269	236	848	99	228	42	0	32	123	1-0	1	82	86	4-2
CERONE	.229	255	851	79	195	39	6	11	91	8-4	2	66	84	1-7
COLLINS	.291	246	843	114	245	36	19	3	78	8-5	11	76	108	91-21
COX	.300	16	50	6	15	4	0	2	9	0-0	0	5	10	0-1
DAVIS, B.	.189	123	307	24	58	13	0	5	27	14-0	2	17	40	0-0
DAVIS, D.	.286	3	7	0	2	0	0	0	2	0-1	0	0	1	0-0
EWING	.267	137	300	27	80	8	2	6	43	3-1	0	24	51	1-1
FAIRLY	.279	132	458	60	128	24	2	19	64	8-2	2	58	58	0-4
FERNANDEZ	.283	264	831	105	235	37	14	5	72	10-4	3	62	58	18-14
FIELDER	.311	30	74	6	23	4	0	4	16	0-1	0	6	16	0-0
GARCIA, D.	.289	780	3148	396	909	150	26	26	250	25-17	14	97	252	185-80
GARCIA, P.	.208	41	130	10	27	10	1	0	9	3-0	3	5	21	0-0
GOMEZ	.227	212	576	50	131	14	3	0	42	21-3	0	40	58	3-10
GRIFFIN	.250	873	3151	346	789	117	50	13	84	67-22	14	134	280	76-72
GRUBER	.138	20	29	1	4	0	0	1	3	0-0	0	0	8	0-0
HEARRON	.143	4	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	2	0-0
HERNANDEZ, P.	.000	11	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	3	0-0
HERNANDEZ, T.	.500	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
HODGSON	.220	20	41	5	9	0	1	1	5	2-0	0	3	12	0-1
HORTON	.205	33	122	12	25	6	0	3	19	0-1	0	3	29	0-0
HOWELL	.272	516	1954	219	532	101	17	43	234	12-11	13	178	337	5-6
HUTTON	.254	64	173	19	44	9	0	2	9	5-0	0	19	12	1-2
IORG	.266	672	1813	186	483	95	15	13	164	14-14	8	73	189	17-15
JOHNSON, A.	.235	70	98	17	23	2	1	3	14	1-1	0	11	26	3-13
JOHNSON, C.	.282	293	839	114	237	46	2	39	147	1-8	8	126	146	0-2
JOHNSON, T.	.212	110	165	15	35	4	1	0	9	5-1	1	16	31	0-2
KELLY	.286	3	7	0	2	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	4	0-0
KLUTTS	.256	22	43	3	11	0	0	3	5	0-0	1	1	11	0-1
KUSICK	.204	24	54	3	11	1	0	2	7	0-1	1	7	7	0-0
LEACH	.244	81	123	13	30	6	3	0	8	0-1	0	11	23	0-0
LEE	.200	64	40	9	8	0	0	0	0	1-0	0	2	9	1-4
MACHA, K.	.200	37	85	4	17	2	0	0	6	0-1	0	8	15	1-1
MACHA, M.	.000	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	1	0-0
MANRIQUE	.189	24	37	1	7	0	0	0	2	0-0	1	0	13	0-1
MARTINEZ	.228	373	940	101	214	55	2	33	142	7-22	4	103	150	2-5
MASON	.165	22	79	10	13	3	0	0	2	2-0	0	7	10	1-1
MATUSZEK	.212	62	151	23	32	6	2	2	15	0-4	0	11	24	2-1
MAYBERRY	.256	549	1803	215	461	62	6	92	272	5-16	21	257	247	3-4
McKAY	.233	287	934	96	208	33	11	10	79	24-3	4	34	160	7-6
MILNER	.444	2	9	3	4	0	1	0	2	0-0	0	0	1	0-0
MOSEBY	.262	822	2969	424	779	149	41	81	335	25-26	30	287	573	129-53
MULLINIKS	.285	495	1384	182	395	106	9	27	182	7-11	3	180	190	7-7
NICOSIA	.267	6	15	0	4	0	0	0	1	0-0	0	0	0	0-0
NORDBROOK	.175	31	63	10	11	0	1	0	1	1-0	1	4	11	1-0
NORDHAGEN	.270	72	185	12	50	6	0	1	20	0-2	0	10	22	0-2
OLIVER	.251	61	187	20	47	6	1	5	23	0-0	1	7	13	0-0
ORTA	.237	103	245	30	58	6	3	10	38	0-4	0	19	29	1-2
PETRALLI	.314	25	51	3	16	2	0	0	1	1-0	0	5	7	0-0
POWELL	.250	152	348	49	87	13	4	4	33	0-4	0	17	31	6-4
RADER	.240	96	313	47	75	18	2	13	40	4-5	3	38	67	2-1
RAMOS	.125	5	16	0	2	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	2	5	0-0
REVERING	.215	55	135	15	29	6	0	5	18	0-2	0	22	30	0-3
ROBERTS	.229	40	105	6	24	4	0	1	5	0-1	0	7	16	1-1
ROBERTSON	.103	15	29	1	3	0	0	1	1	0-0	0	3	9	0-0
ROOF	.000	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	1	0-0
SCOTT	.240	79	233	26	56	9	0	2	15	6-0	0	8	39	10-8
SHEPHERD	.103	50	39	7	4	2	0	0	1	0-0	0	2	15	3-1
SOLAITA	.265	36	102	14	27	8	1	2	13	0-2	0	17	16	0-0
STAGGS	.258	72	291	37	75	11	6	2	28	3-1	0	36	38	5-9
STIEB	.000	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0



## SEASON INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

### BATTING

R - Right hand batter B - Switch hitter  
L - Left hand batter \* - League Leader  
Highest Average (502 Plate App.)

(R) .310 . . . . . Bob Bailor - 1977

.310 . . . . . Damaso Garcia - 1982

(L) .315 . . . . . Lloyd Moseby - 1983

(B) .287 . . . . . Alfredo Griffin - 1979

Highest Average (100 games)

(R) .318 . . . . . Barry Bonnell - 1983

(L) .324 . . . . . Rance Mulliniks - 1984

(B) .308 . . . . . Dave Collins - 1984

Highest Average as Blue Jay

(R) .318 . . . . . Barry Bonnell - 1983

(L) .324 . . . . . Rance Mulliniks - 1984

(B) .308 . . . . . Dave Collins - 1984

Most Games

(R) 162 . . . . . Rick Bosetti - 1979

(L) 160 . . . . . Willie Upshaw - 1982/83

(B) 162 . . . . . Alfredo Griffin - 1982/83

Most at Bats

(R) 633 . . . . . Damaso Garcia - 1984

(L) 592 . . . . . Lloyd Moseby - 1984

(B) 653 . . . . . Alfredo Griffin - 1980

Most Runs

(R) 94 . . . . . Jesse Barfield - 1985

(L) 104 . . . . . Lloyd Moseby - 1983

(B) 81 . . . . . Alfredo Griffin - 1979

Most Hits

(R) 185 . . . . . Damaso Garcia - 1982

(L) 177 . . . . . Willie Upshaw - 1983

(B) 179 . . . . . Alfredo Griffin - 1979

Most Total Bases

(R) 302 . . . . . George Bell - 1984

(L) 296 . . . . . Willie Upshaw - 1983

(B) 228 . . . . . Alfredo Griffin - 1980

Highest Slugging Percentage

(R) .536 . . . . . Jesse Barfield - 1985

(L) .515 . . . . . Willie Upshaw - 1983

(B) .390 . . . . . Tony Fernandez - 1985

Most Singles

(R) 145 . . . . . Damaso Garcia - 1982

(L) 117 . . . . . Willie Upshaw - 1983

(B) 145 . . . . . Alfredo Griffin - 1979

Most Extra Base Hits

(R) 70 . . . . . Jesse Barfield - 1985

(L) 61 . . . . . Lloyd Moseby - 1984

(B) 43 . . . . . Alfredo Griffin - 1980

43 . . . . . Tony Fernandez - 1985

Most Doubles

(R) 39 . . . . . George Bell - 1984

(L) 34 . . . . . Rance Mulliniks - 1983

(B) 31 . . . . . Tony Fernandez - 1985

Most Triples

(R) 9 . . . . . Jesse Barfield - 1985

(L) \*15 . . . . . Lloyd Moseby - 1984

(B) \*15 . . . . . Alfredo Griffin - 1980

\*15 . . . . . Dave Collins - 1984

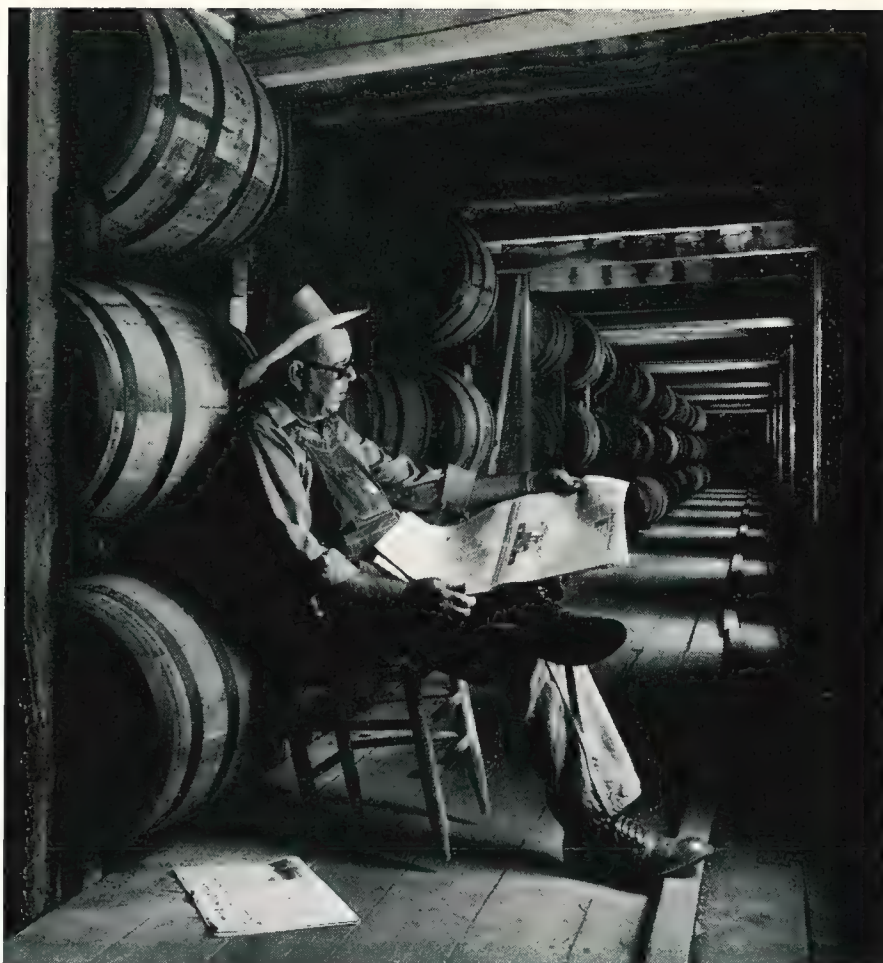
Most Home Runs

(R) 28 . . . . . George Bell - 1985

(L) 30 . . . . . John Mayberry - 1980

(B) 7 . . . . . Dave McKay - 1978

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THORNTON	.236	56	72	18	17	1	1	1	8	0-0	1	2	24	1-0
TORRES	.241	91	266	33	64	7	3	5	26	5-4	1	16	33	1-1
UPSHAW	.272	810	2625	385	713	127	32	88	360	20-19	16	254	400	43-34
VELEZ	.257	522	1531	204	394	76	10	72	243	9-14	11	278	333	6-9
WEBSTER	.206	41	34	11	7	2	1	0	4	0-0	0	2	8	0-1
WELLS	.247	32	73	7	18	5	0	0	5	0-0	0	5	12	0-2
WHITMER	.111	7	9	0	1	1	0	0	0	0-0	0	1	2	0-0
WHITT	.244	696	1890	214	461	86	9	59	264	17-22	2	211	271	13-16
WILBORN	.000	22	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	1-0	0	2	7	0-1
WOODS, A.	.270	595	1958	228	529	97	14	33	188	31-15	3	164	176	23-24
WOODS, G.	.211	68	246	22	52	10	1	0	17	3-0	2	8	39	6-4

PITCHER (* left-handed)	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO
ACKER	15-8	3.97	131	8	0	12	0	256	268	126	113	17	17	106	119
ALEXANDER	41-22	3.41	89	86	22	0	3	639	632	259	242	63	10	152	327
BAILOR	0-0	7.71	3	0	0	0	0	2	4	2	2	2	0	1	0
BARLOW	3-1	4.11	52	1	0	5	0	70	79	40	32	5	6	27	24
BERENGUER	2-9	4.31	12	11	1	0	0	71	62	41	34	7	3	35	29
BOMBACK	6-10	4.74	36	19	0	0	0	150	171	86	79	16	4	60	55
BRUNO	0-1	8.00	12	0	0	0	0	18	30	18	16	4	1	13	9
BUSKEY	9-12	3.87	85	0	0	7	0	158	156	73	68	22	1	55	85
BYRD	2-13	6.21	17	17	1	0	0	87	98	68	60	5	0	68	40
CAUDILL	4-6	2.99	67	0	0	14	0	69	53	26	23	9	2	35	46
CERUTTI*	0-2	5.40	4	1	0	0	0	7	10	7	4	1	1	4	5
CLANCY	88-102	4.16	245	243	58	0	7	1548	1542	795	716	145	14	624	813
CLARK*	1-2	5.91	20	3	0	0	0	46	66	33	30	6	1	22	21
CLARKE*	1-1	3.60	14	0	0	0	0	15	13	6	6	3	0	7	9
COLEMAN	2-0	4.60	31	0	0	0	0	61	67	34	31	6	1	30	28
COOPER	0-0	6.75	4	0	0	0	0	5	8	4	4	3	0	0	5
CRUZ	7-3	1.71	32	0	0	9	0	47	28	10	9	0	1	36	51
DAVIS*	2-1	3.54	10	5	0	0	0	28	23	14	11	5	0	13	22
DARR	0-1	4.50	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	5	5	1	1	4	1
DEBARR*	0-1	6.00	14	0	0	0	0	21	29	14	14	1	0	8	10
EDGE	3-4	5.23	9	9	1	0	0	52	60	32	30	6	1	24	19
EICHHORN	0-3	5.45	7	7	0	0	0	38	40	28	23	4	0	14	16
ESPINOSA	0-0	9.00	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
FILER	7-0	3.88	11	9	0	0	0	49	38	21	21	6	0	18	24
FREISLEBEN	2-3	4.95	42	2	0	3	0	91	101	57	50	5	2	54	35
GARVIN*	20-41	4.46	196	65	15	8	1	606	648	318	300	74	13	219	320
GEISEL*	1-4	4.39	63	2	0	5	0	84	79	43	41	10	4	48	72
GOTT	21-30	4.25	99	65	8	2	3	442	422	233	209	37	11	183	276
GRILLI	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
HARGAN	1-3	5.28	6	5	1	0	0	29	36	17	17	2	0	14	11
HARTENSTEIN	0-2	6.67	13	0	0	0	0	27	40	22	20	8	1	6	15
HENKE	3-3	2.03	28	0	0	13	0	40	29	12	9	4	0	8	42
HUFFMAN	6-18	5.77	31	31	2	0	1	173	220	130	111	25	0	68	56
JACKSON	24-21	3.50	190	2	0	30	0	337	307	148	131	30	7	128	204
JEFFERSON	22-56	4.75	127	37	21	1	4	667	718	385	352	82	8	266	307
JOHNSON, J.	2-4	4.60	43	0	0	5	0	86	91	50	44	9	0	54	54
KEY*	18-11	2.03	98	32	3	10	0	275	258	114	103	30	3	82	129
KIRKWOOD	4-5	4.24	16	9	3	0	0	68	76	36	32	6	0	25	29
KUCEK	3-8	6.75	23	12	0	1	0	68	83	56	51	9	1	41	35
KUSICK	0-0	4.91	1	0	0	0	0	4	3	2	2	1	0	0	0
LAMP	19-8	3.87	109	5	0	11	0	191	193	95	82	16	1	65	113
LAVELLE*	5-7	3.10	69	0	0	8	0	73	54	30	25	5	0	36	50
LEACH*	0-0	2.70	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	3	-1	0	2	0
LEAL	51-58	4.14	165	151	27	1	3	946	958	476	435	101	22	320	491
LEMANCZYK	27-45	4.68	95	82	25	0	3	575	632	334	299	52	13	212	240
LEMONGELLO	1-9	6.29	18	10	2	0	0	83	97	64	58	14	3	34	40
LUEBBER	0-0	INF	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	0
McLAUGHLIN	22-24	3.88	195	10	0	31	0	341	343	169	147	36	5	148	207
MILLER	0-0	10.57	10	0	0	0	0	15	27	18	18	3	0	5	7
MIRABELLA*	5-12	4.64	41	23	3	0	1	145	171	89	75	13	4	73	62
MOFFITT	6-2	3.77	45	0	0	10	0	57	52	27	24	5	1	24	38
MOORE*	12-17	4.95	102	37	7	1	0	349	376	213	192	39	19	164	148
MORGAN	0-3	5.16	16	4	0	0	0	45	48	26	26	6	0	21	22
MURPHY	9-12	4.06	79	1	0	9	0	164	173	76	73	18	1	63	67
MURRAY	9-7	2.92	67	0	0	11	0	126	127	50	41	3	3	37	72
MUSSELMAN	5-2	3.79	36	4	0	1	0	74	77	35	31	4	0	34	38
SCHROM	2-0	5.44	23	0	0	1	0	46	45	29	28	5	0	34	21
SENTENEY	0-0	4.91	11	0	0	0	0	22	23	16	12	5	0	6	20
SINGER	2-8	6.75	13	12	0	0	0	60	71	54	45	5	2	39	33
STIEB	95-80	3.17	222	220	84	0	20	1654	1434	645	582	122	60	544	942
TODD	7-10	4.27	45	26	7	0	0	215	224	117	102	31	7	68	99
UNDERWOOD*	15-30	3.88	64	62	19	0	2	425	414	218	183	46	11	182	267
VUCKOVICH	9-7	3.47	53	8	3	8	1	148	143	64	57	13	5	59	123
WALLACE	0-0	3.86	6	0	0	0	0	14	12	6	6	1	0	11	7
WILEY	0-0	6.75	2	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	2	0	0	1	2
WILLIAMS	1-1	14.63	4	3	0	0	0	8	13	13	13	5	1	7	5
WILLIS*	7-21	4.59	144	6	1	15	0	296	312	161	151	36	3	123	149



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Most Home Runs — Home	
(R) 22	Jesse Barfield — 1983
(L) 16	Willie Upshaw — 1983
Most Home Runs — Road	
(R) 18	George Bell — 1985
(L) 20	John Mayberry — 1980
Most Grand Slam Homers	
(R) 2	George Bell — 1985
(L) 2	Roy Howell — 1979
Most Runs Batted In	
(R) 95	George Bell — 1985
(L) 104	Willie Upshaw — 1983
(B) 51	Tony Fernandez — 1985
Most Base on Balls	
(R) 67	Cliff Johnson — 1983
(L) 78	Lloyd Moseby — 1984
(B) 43	Dave Collins — 1983
(B) 43	Tony Fernandez — 1985
Most Times Striking Out	
(R) 143	Jesse Barfield — 1985
(L) 122	Lloyd Moseby — 1984
(B) 90	Dave McKay — 1978
Most Sacrifice Bunts	
(R) 19	Luis Gomez — 1978
(L) 12	Alfredo Griffin — 1984
(B) 16	Alfredo Griffin — 1979
Most Sacrifice Flies	
(R) 9	Buck Martinez — 1984
(L) 7	John Mayberry — 1978
7	Willie Upshaw — 1983
7	Lloyd Moseby — 1984
(B) 5	Alfredo Griffin — 1980
Most Sacrifices Total	
(R) 22	Luis Gomez — 1978
(L) 16	Alfredo Griffin — 1984
(B) 20	Alfredo Griffin — 1979
Most Times Hit by Pitch	
(R) 9	Damaso Garcia — 1984
(L) 8	John Mayberry — 1981
8	Lloyd Moseby — 1982 & 84
(B) 9	Dave Collins — 1984
Most GWRBI's	
(R) 11	George Bell — 1984
(L) 14	Willie Upshaw — 1982
Most Pinch-Hits	
(R) 11	Wayne Nordhagen — 1982
11	Cliff Johnson — 1984
(L) 10	Hosken Powell — 1982
10	Rance Mulliniks — 1983
Most Stolen Bases	
60	Dave Collins — 1984

#### PITCHING

Most Wins	
(R) 17	Dave Stieb — 1982/83
17	Doyle Alexander — 1984/85
(L) 14	Jimmy Key — 1985
Most Home Wins	
(R) 12	Doyle Alexander — 1984
(L) 10	Jimmy Key — 1985
Most Road Wins	
(R) 9	Jim Clancy — 1982
(L) 7	Jerry Garvin — 1977
Most Losses	
(R) 18	Phil Huffman — 1979
(L) 18	Jerry Garvin — 1977

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 (R) 10 . . . . . Jesse Jefferson — 1977  
 10 . . . . . Dave Stieb — 1980  
 (L) 9 . . . . . Jerry Garvin — 1980  
 Most Road Losses  
 (R) 12 . . . . . Luis Leal — 1982  
 (L) 9 . . . . . Jerry Garvin — 1977  
 Most Decisions  
 (R) 31 . . . . . Dave Stieb — 1982  
 (L) 28 . . . . . Jerry Garvin — 1977  
 Highest Winning Pct (10 decisions)  
 (R) \*.739 . . . . . Doyle Alexander — 1984  
 (L) .700 . . . . . Jimmy Key — 1985  
 Lowest ERA (161 IP)  
 (R) \*2.48 . . . . . Dave Stieb — 1985  
 (L) 3.00 . . . . . Jimmy Key — 1985  
 Lowest ERA (100 IP)  
 (R) \*2.48 . . . . . Dave Stieb — 1985  
 (L) 3.00 . . . . . Jimmy Key — 1985  
 Most Appearances  
 (R) 67 . . . . . Bill Caudill — 1985  
 (L) 69 . . . . . Gary Lavelle — 1985  
 Most Games Started  
 (R) 40 . . . . . Jim Clancy — 1982  
 (L) 34 . . . . . Jerry Garvin — 1977  
 Most Complete Games  
 (R) 19 . . . . . Dave Stieb — 1982  
 (L) 12 . . . . . Jerry Garvin — 1977  
 12 . . . . . Tom Underwood — 1979  
 Most Shutouts  
 (R) 5 . . . . . Dave Stieb — 1982  
 (L) 1 . . . . . Jerry Garvin — 1977  
 1 . . . . . Tom Underwood — 1978/79  
 1 . . . . . Paul Mirabella — 1980  
 Most Innings Pitched  
 (R) 288.1 . . . . . Dave Stieb — 1982  
 (L) 245 . . . . . Jerry Garvin — 1977  
 Most Hits Allowed  
 (R) 278 . . . . . Dave Lemanczyk — 1977  
 (L) 247 . . . . . Jerry Garvin — 1977  
 Most Runs Allowed  
 (R) 143 . . . . . Dave Lemanczyk — 1977  
 (L) 127 . . . . . Jerry Garvin — 1977  
 Most Earned Runs Allowed  
 (R) 125 . . . . . Jim Clancy — 1984  
 (L) 114 . . . . . Jerry Garvin — 1977  
 Most Home Runs Allowed  
 (R) 28 . . . . . Jesse Jefferson — 1978  
 (R) 28 . . . . . Doyle Alexander — 1985  
 (L) 33 . . . . . Jerry Garvin — 1977  
 Most Bases on Balls  
 (R) 128 . . . . . Jim Clancy — 1980  
 (L) 95 . . . . . Tom Underwood — 1979  
 Most Strikeouts  
 (R) 198 . . . . . Dave Stieb — 1984  
 (L) 140 . . . . . Tom Underwood — 1978  
 Most Hit Batsmen  
 (R) 14 . . . . . Dave Stieb — 1983  
 (L) 9 . . . . . Tom Underwood — 1979  
 Most Relief Appearances  
 (R) 67 . . . . . Bill Caudill — 1985  
 (L) 69 . . . . . Gary Lavelle — 1985  
 Most Relief Wins  
 (R) 10 . . . . . Dennis Lamp — 1985  
 (L) 5 . . . . . Gary Lavelle — 1985  
 Most Relief Losses  
 (R) 10 . . . . . Tom Buskey — 1979  
 (L) 7 . . . . . Mike Willis — 1978

7 . . . . . Jerry Garvin — 1980  
 7 . . . . . Gary Lavelle — 1985  
 Most Saves  
 (R) 14 . . . . . Bill Caudill — 1985  
 (L) 10 . . . . . Jimmy Key — 1984  
 Most Decisions in Relief  
 (R) 16 . . . . . Tom Buskey — 1979  
 (L) 12 . . . . . Gary Lavelle — 1985  
 Highest Total of Wins & Saves  
 (Relief Only)  
 (R) 19 . . . . . Dale Murray — 1982  
 (L) 14 . . . . . Jimmy Key — 1984  
 Innings Pitched in Relief

(R) 111.0 . . . . . Dale Murray — 1982  
 (L) 92.1 . . . . . Mike Willis — 1977  
 Most Consecutive Lost, Season  
 (R) 9 . . . . . Jeff Byrd — 1977  
 (L) 10 . . . . . Jerry Garvin — 1977  
 10 . . . . . Paul Mirabella — 1980  
 Most Consecutive Won, Season  
 (R) 11 . . . . . Dennis Lamp — 1985  
 (L) 6 . . . . . Jimmy Key — 1985  
 Best Start  
 (R) 11-0 Relief Dennis Lamp — 1985  
 (R) 7-0 Starter . . . . . Tom Filer — 1985  
 (L) 5-0 . . . . . Jerry Garvin — 1977

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Stieb 3.17	Stieb 95	Clancy 102	Stieb 1654.0
Alexander 3.41	Clancy 88	Stieb 80	Clancy 1547.2
Underwood 3.88	Leal 51	Leal 58	Leal 946.0
Leal 4.14	Alexander 41	Jefferson 56	Jefferson 667.0
Clancy 4.16	Lemanczyk 27	Lemanczyk 45	Alexander 639.0

STRIKEOUTS	BASES ON BALLS	W-L PCT (300 IP)	GAMES
Stieb 942	Clancy 624	Alexander .651	Clancy 245
Clancy 813	Stieb 544	Stieb .543	Stieb 222
Leal 491	Leal 320	Jackson .533	Garvin 196
Alexander 327	Jefferson 266	Leal .468	McLaughlin 195
Garvin 320	Garvin 219	Clancy .463	Jackson 190

SHUTOUTS	SAVES	GAMES STARTED	COMPLETE GAMES
Stieb 20	McLaughlin 31	Clancy 243	Stieb 84
Clancy 7	Jackson 30	Stieb 222	Clancy 58
Jefferson 4	Willis 15	Leal 151	Leal 27
Gott 3	Caudill 14	Alexander 86	Lemanczyk 25
Leal 3	Henke 13	Lemanczyk 82	Alexander 22
Lemanczyk 3	Acker 12		
Alexander 3			

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GAMES	AT BATS	RUNS	HITS
Griffin 873	Griffin 3151	Moseby 424	Garcia, D. 909
Moseby 822	Garcia, D. 3148	Garcia, D. 396	Griffin 789
Upshaw 810	Moseby 2969	Upshaw 385	Moseby 779
Garcia, D. 780	Upshaw 2625	Griffin 346	Upshaw 713
Whitt 696	Woods, A. 1958	Barfield 265	Howell 532

DOUBLES	TRIPLES	HOME RUNS	TOTAL BASES
Garcia, D. 150	Griffin 50	Mayberry 92	Griffin 1045
Moseby 149	Moseby 41	Barfield 88	Moseby 1253
Upshaw 127	Upshaw 32	Upshaw 88	Garcia, D. 1189
Griffin 117	Garcia, D. 26	Velez 72	Upshaw 1168
Howell 101	Collins 19	Moseby 81	Mayberry 811
	Bailor 19		

RUNS BATTED IN	EXTRA BASE HITS	BATTING AVG. (300 GP)	SLUGGING PCT (300 GP)
Moseby 385	Moseby 271	Garcia, D. .289	Barfield .483
Upshaw 360	Upshaw 247	Mulliniks .285	Bell .468
Mayberry 272	Garcia, D. 202	Bonnell .281	Velez .461
Barfield 268	Barfield 182	Bell .277	Mayberry .450
Whitt 264	Griffin 180	Howell .272	Upshaw .445
		Upshaw .272	

STOLEN BASES	BASES ON BALLS	STRIKEOUTS	HIT BY PITCH
Garcia, D. 185	Moseby 287	Moseby 573	Moseby 30
Moseby 129	Velez 278	Barfield 407	Mayberry 21
Collins 91	Mayberry 257	Upshaw 400	Upshaw 16
Griffin 76	Upshaw 254	Howell 337	Bailor 15
Bailor 46	Whitt 211	Velez 333	Griffin 14
		Griffin 280	Garcia, D. 14
			Barfield 14
			Bell 14

SACRIFICE HITS	SACRIFICE FLIES
Griffin 67	Moseby 26
Woods, A. 31	Griffin 22
Garcia, D. 25	Martinez 22
Moseby 25	Whitt 22
McKay 24	Upshaw 19

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Year	Player	RBI
1907	Tyrus Cobb	116
1908	Tyrus Cobb	101
1909	Tyrus Cobb	115
1910	Samuel Crawford	115
1911	Tyrus Cobb	144
1912	J. Franklin Baker	133
1913	J. Franklin Baker	126
1914	Samuel Crawford	112
1915	Samuel Crawford	116
1916	Walter Pipp	99
1917	Robert Veach	115
1918	George Burns	74
	Robert Veach	74
1919	George (Babe) Ruth	112
1920	George (Babe) Ruth	137
1921	George (Babe) Ruth	171
1922	Kenneth Williams	155
1923	George (Babe) Ruth	131
1924	Leon (Goose) Goslin	129
1925	Robert Meusel	138
1926	George (Babe) Ruth	145
1927	H. Louis Gehrig	175
1928	George (Babe) Ruth	142
	H. Louis Gehrig	142
1929	Aloysius Simmons	157
1930	H. Louis Gehrig	174
1931	H. Louis Gehrig	184
1932	James Foxx	169
1933	James Foxx	163
1934	H. Louis Gehrig	165
1935	Henry Greenberg	170
1936	Harold Trosky	162
1937	Henry Greenberg	183
1938	James Foxx	175
1939	Theodore Williams	145
1940	Henry Greenberg	150
1941	Joseph DiMaggio	125
1942	Theodore Williams	137
1943	Rudolph York	118
1944	Vernon Stephens	109
1945	Nicholas Etten	111
1946	Henry Greenberg	127
1947	Theodore Williams	114
1948	Joseph DiMaggio	155
1949	Theodore Williams	159
	Vernon Stephens	159
1950	Walter Dropo	144
	Vernon Stephens	144
1951	Gus Zernial	129
1952	Albert Rosen	105
1953	Albert Rosen	145
1954	Lawrence Doby	126
1955	Raymond Boone	116
	Jack Jensen	116
1956	Mickey Mantle	130
1957	Roy Sievers	114
1958	Jack Jensen	122
1959	Jack Jensen	112
1960	Roger Maris	112
1961	Roger Maris	142
1962	Harmon Killebrew	126
1963	Richard Stuart	118
1964	Brooks Robinson	118
1965	Rocco Colavito	108
1966	Frank Robinson	122
1967	Carl Yastrzemski	121
1968	Kenneth Harrelson	109
1969	Harmon Killebrew	140
1970	Frank Howard	126
1971	Harmon Killebrew	119
1972	Richard Allen	113
1973	Reginald Jackson	117
1974	Jeffrey Burroughs	118
1975	George Scott	109
1976	Lee May	109
1977	Larry Hise	119
1978	James Rice	139
1979	Donald Baylor	139
1980	Cecil Cooper	122
1981	Eddie Murray	78
1982	Harold McRae	133
1983	Cecil Cooper	126
	James Rice	126
1984	Antonio Armas	123
1985	Don Mattingly	145

Year	Player	RBI
1907	John (Honous) Wagner	91
1908	John (Honous) Wagner	106
1909	John (Honous) Wagner	102
1910	Sherwood Magee	116
1911	Frank Schulte	121
1912	Henry Zimmerman	98
1913	Cliff (Gavvy) Cravath	118
1914	Sherwood Magee	101
1915	Cliff (Gavvy) Cravath	118
1916	Harold Chase	84
1917	Henry Zimmerman	100
1918	Frederick Merkle	71
1919	Henry (Hi) Myers	72
1920	George Kelly	94
	Rogers Hornsby	94
1921	Rogers Hornsby	126
1922	Rogers Hornsby	152
1923	Emil Meusel	125
1924	George Kelly	136
1925	Rogers Hornsby	143
1926	James Bottomley	120
1927	Paul Waner	131
1928	James Bottomley	136
1929	Lewis (Hack) Wilson	159
1930	Lewis (Hack) Wilson	190
1931	Charles Klein	121
1932	Frank (Don) Hurst	143
1933	Charles Klein	120
1934	Melvin Ott	135
1935	Walter Berger	130
1936	Joseph Medwick	138
1937	Joseph Medwick	154
1938	Joseph Medwick	122
1939	Frank McCormick	128
1940	John Mize	137
1941	Adolph Camilli	120
1942	John Mize	110
1943	William Nicholson	128
1944	William Nicholson	122
1945	Fred (Dixie) Walker	124
1946	Enos Slaughter	130
1947	John Mize	138
1948	Stanley Musial	131
1949	Ralph Kiner	127
1950	Delmer Ennis	126
1951	Monford Irvin	121
1952	Henry Sauer	121
1953	Roy Campanella	142
1954	Theodore Kiuszewski	141
1955	Edwin (Duke) Snider	136
1956	Stanley Musial	109
1957	Henry Aaron	132
1958	Ernest Banks	129
1959	Ernest Banks	143
1960	Henry Aaron	126
1961	Orlando Cepeda	142
1962	H. Thomas Davis	153
1963	Henry Aaron	130
1964	Kenton Boyer	130
1965	Deron Johnson	130
1966	Henry Aaron	127
1967	Orlando Cepeda	111
1968	Willie McCovey	105
1969	Willie McCovey	126
1970	Johnny Bench	148
1971	Joseph Torre	137
1972	Johnny Bench	125
1973	Wihver Stargell	119
1974	Johnny Bench	129
1975	Gregory Luzinski	120
1976	George Foster	121
1977	George Foster	149
1978	George Foster	120
1979	David Winfield	118
1980	Michael Schmidt	121
1981	Michael Schmidt	91
1982	Dale Murphy	109
	Albert Oliver	109
1983	Dale Murphy	121
1984	Gary Carter	106
	Michael Schmidt	106
1985	Dave Parker	125

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## JIMMY WILLIAMS 3

**J**immy joined the Blue Jays as a coach back in 1980 after a successful career as a minor league manager in the Angels and Cardinals organizations. Aside from coaching at third base, Jimmy worked with the outfielders, instructing them in defense. Jimmy's major league playing career consisted of just 13 at bats in two seasons with the St. Louis Cardinals during the mid-Sixties. In his first major league at bat, he struck out against Sandy Koufax. Shortly after, he got his first major league hit — off Juan Marichal! Last year, Jimmy was nearly hired to manage the Seattle Mariners, but after Bobby Cox's departure, he was named to manage the Jays.

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**POSITION:** MANAGER

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**BIRTHDATE:** OCTOBER 4, 1943

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**BIRTHPLACE:** ARROYO GRANDE, CALIFORNIA

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## CITO GASTON 43

**C**ito has been the Blue Jays' batting coach since 1982, when he came over from the Atlanta Braves organization with Bobby Cox. In his first season he helped the Jays improve their team batting average by 36 points! A former outfielder with an 11-year career in the National League, Cito's best year was 1970 when he hit .318 with 29 home runs and 93 RBIs for San Diego. He was an original member of the 1969 Padres, a National League expansion team. Cito, who stresses the mental side of hitting, was a remarkably successful pinch-hitter, batting .324 with 14 RBIs on just 12 hits in that role in 1977. Cito lives in Toronto all year 'round.

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**POSITION:** BATTING COACH

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**BIRTHDATE:** MARCH 17, 1944

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**BIRTHPLACE:** SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

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**BATS:** RIGHT

**THROWS:** RIGHT

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**HEIGHT:** 6-4

**WEIGHT:** 210

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## JOHN McLAREN 24

**A** former catcher, John played six years in the Houston Astros minor league system. He broke in as a pro in 1970 when his manager was the man across the diamond, Blue Jays' first base coach Billy Smith. John was appointed as a coach with the Blue Jays' first Class A team at Utica in 1977, then made his managing debut the next year at the helm of the new farm club in Medicine Hat. He worked his way quickly up the ranks with many of the Jays' fine young players. Current Blue Jays he has managed include Lloyd Moseby, Steve Davis, Mark Eichhorn, Tony Fernandez, and Jeff Hearn, as well as most of the club's top prospects.

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**POSITION:** THIRD BASE COACH

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**BIRTHDATE:** SEPTEMBER 29, 1951

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**BIRTHPLACE:** GALVESTON, TEXAS

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**BATS:** RIGHT

**THROWS:** RIGHT

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**HEIGHT:** 6-0

**WEIGHT:** 200

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## BILLY SMITH 42

In a 10-year minor league career as a first baseman and outfielder, Billy hit over .300 six times, including .390 in 1959, the highest average in professional baseball that season. Yet, he never made it to the major leagues. From 1958 to 1975, Billy managed in Class A ball, winning the Pioneer League championship twice in four seasons at Boise. In 1979, he joined the Blue Jays front office as Director of Player Development, working with many of the club's minor league prospects and managing the Florida Instructional League entry. In 1983, he took over first base coaching duties. He has also been a scout with the Braves and Astros.

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**POSITION:** FIRST BASE COACH

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**BIRTHDATE:** JANUARY 14, 1930

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**BIRTHPLACE:** HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA

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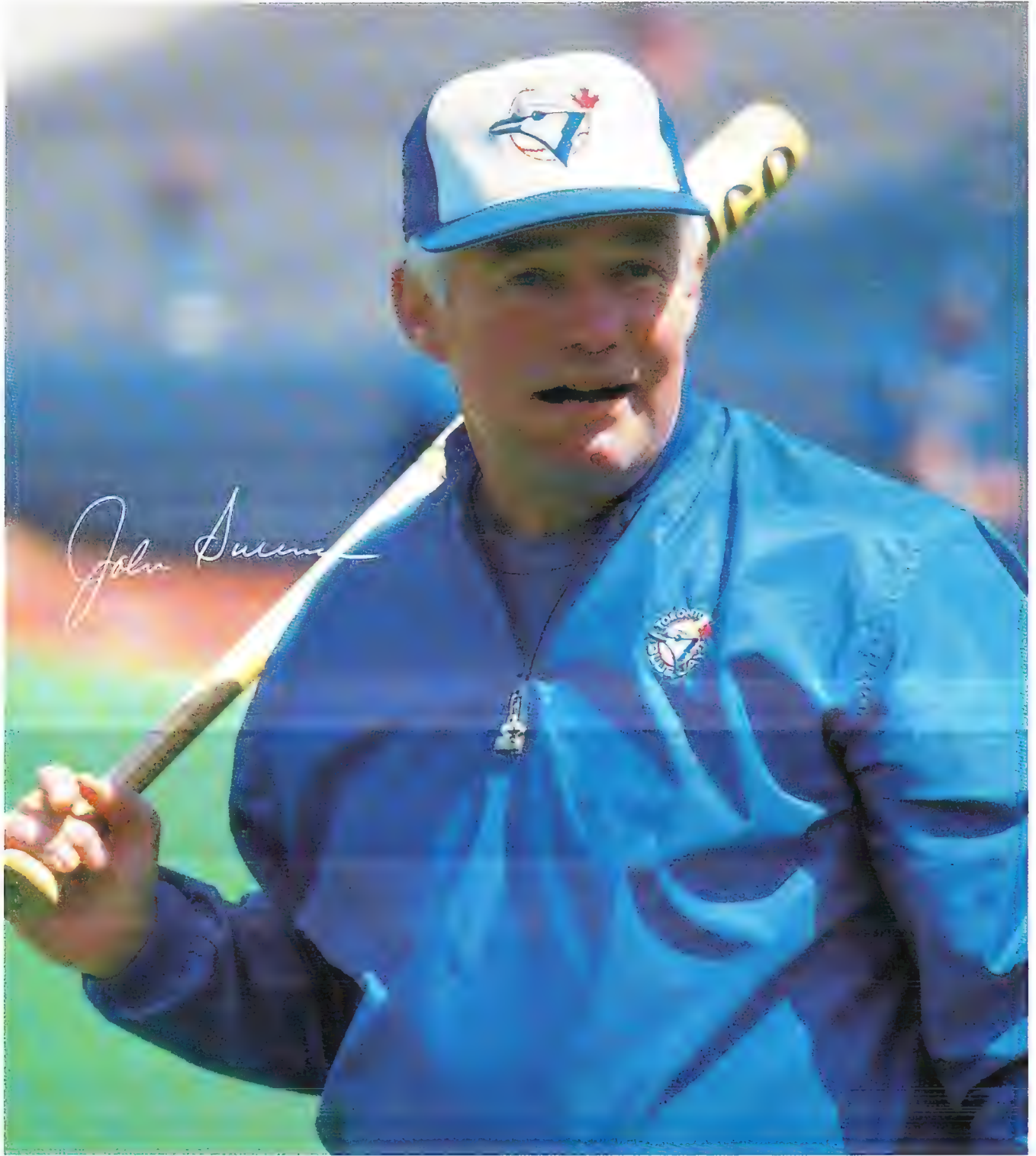
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## JOHN SULLIVAN 8

**J**ohn came to the Blue Jays in 1982 after serving two seasons as a coach with the Atlanta Braves. He took over first base coaching duties that year before moving to the bullpen in 1983. John had brief stints as a catcher with the Detroit Tigers, New York Mets and Philadelphia Phillies from 1963 to 1969. In 1973, he began an outstanding career as a minor league manager in the Kansas City Royals organization. His clubs finished in first place five of six seasons, and he won championships in two leagues. In 1975, his club at Waterloo finished the first half with a 49-13 record, a .790 winning percentage, a modern era record for pro baseball.

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**POSITION:** BULLPEN COACH

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**BIRTHDATE:** JANUARY 3, 1941

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**BIRTHPLACE:** SOMERVILLE, NEW JERSEY

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**HEIGHT:** 6-0

**WEIGHT:** 200

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## AL WIDMAR 41

**T**he senior member of the Jays' coaching staff, Al became pitching coach for the 1980 season, following two years as a minor league pitching instructor for the Baltimore Orioles. Al has spent the last quarter-century mainly as a pitching coach, after a 17-year career as a player that ended in 1958. Al pitched five seasons with Boston, the White Sox, and the old St. Louis Browns. In the minors, he won 20 games or more three times, a rare feat in the shorter minor league seasons. His success with the young Blue Jays pitchers has been evidenced by their yearly improvement. Last year the team led the American League in pitching.

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**POSITION:** PITCHING COACH

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**BIRTHDATE:** MARCH 20, 1925

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**BIRTHPLACE:** CLEVELAND, OHIO

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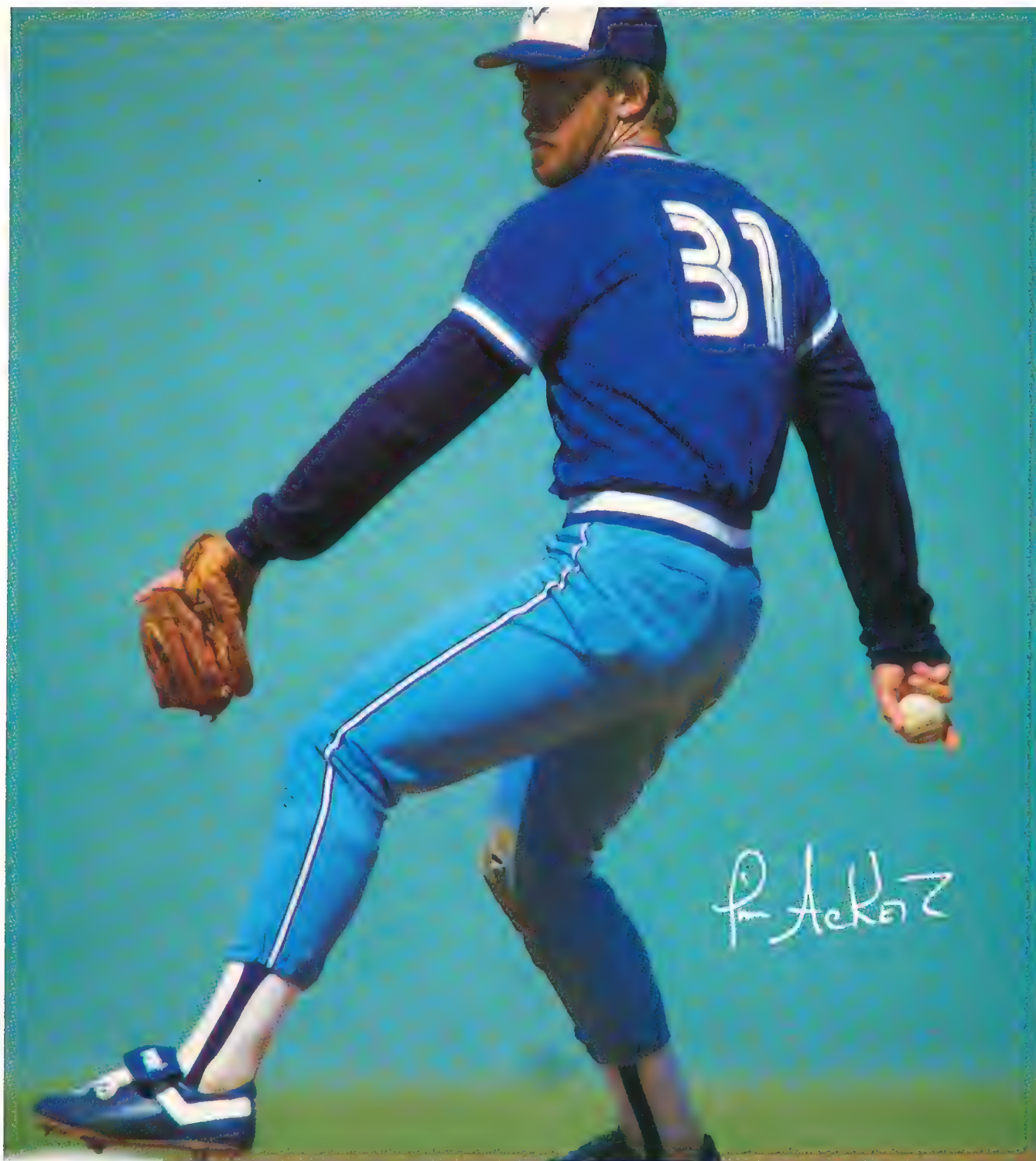
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## JIM ACKER 31

In Jim's three seasons with the Blue Jays, he has worked both as a starter and a reliever, but was never better than last year, when he went 7-2 with 10 saves and a fine 3.23 ERA coming out of the bullpen. In two post-season appearances he worked six scoreless innings. A first-round pick of the Atlanta Braves in the 1980 free agent draft, he impressed then-Braves skipper Bobby Cox, who was instrumental in the Jays' nabbing him in the "major league draft" of minor leaguers after the 1982 season. Jim jumped from Class AA ball to the Jays in 1983, when he went 5-1 to prove he belonged. Jim begins this season as a starter.

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**POSITION:** PITCHER

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**BIRTHDATE:** SEPTEMBER 24, 1958

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**BIRTHPLACE:** FREER, TEXAS

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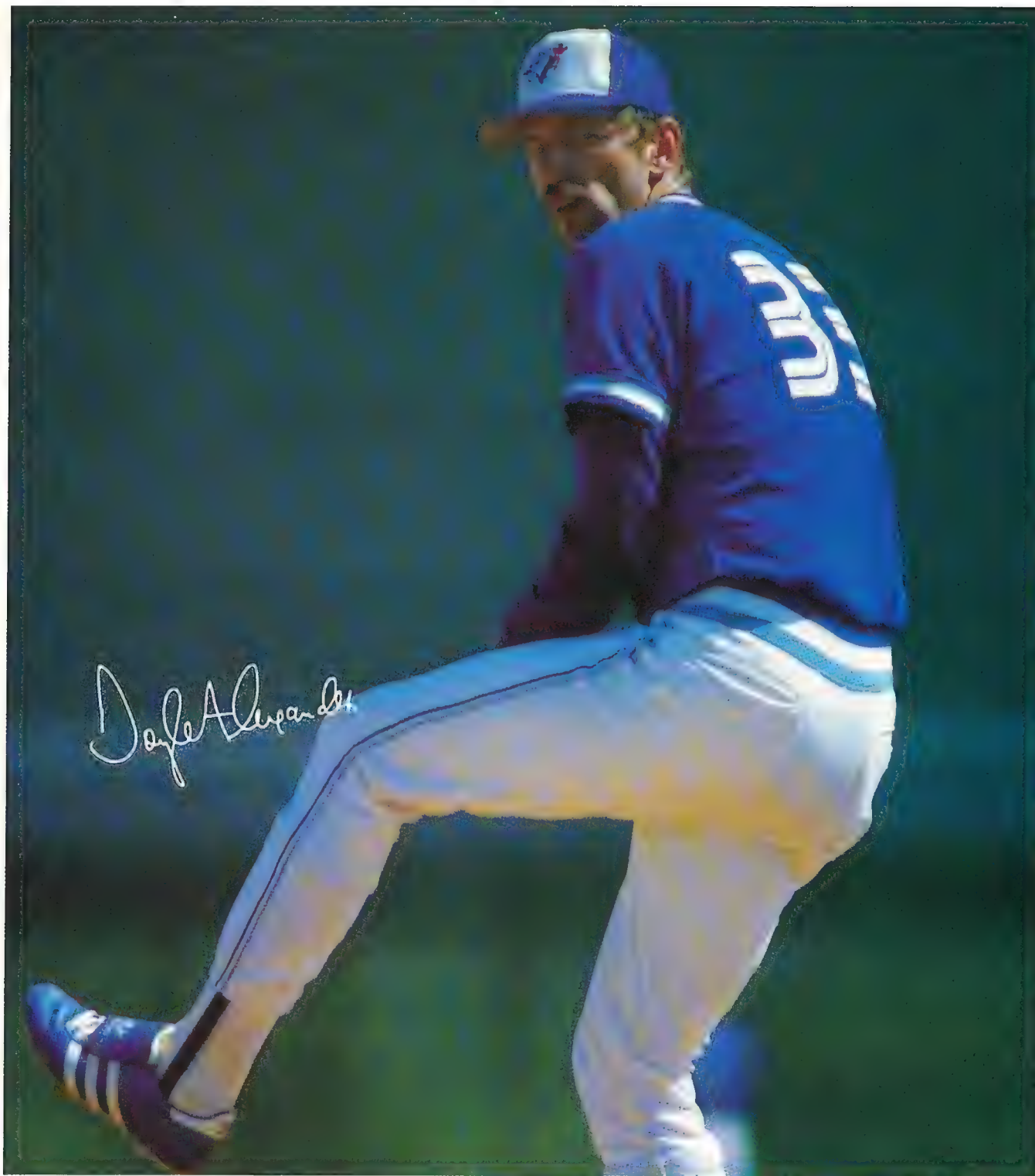
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## DOYLE ALEXANDER 33

**D**oyle has led Jays' pitchers in wins with 17 in each of the last two years, and has a combined 41-22 record as a Blue Jay. Doyle joined the club in July, 1983, after being released outright by the New York Yankees, for whom he had gone 1-9 in a season and a half. Despite losing his first six games as a Blue Jay (giving him just one win and 15 losses in a period covering 22 starts), the team stuck with him. He responded by winning his last seven decisions to close the 1983 campaign. A crafty veteran who relies on changing speeds, Doyle is one of five pitchers to have beaten all 26 major league teams in his 16-year career.

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**POSITION:** PITCHER

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**BIRTHDATE:** SEPTEMBER 4, 1950

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**BIRTHPLACE:** CORDOVA, ALABAMA

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**BATS:** RIGHT

**THROWS:** RIGHT

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**HEIGHT:** 6-3

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## JESSE BARFIELD 29

In his first year as a full-time rightfielder, Jesse was the Blue Jays' Player of the Year in 1985. His outstanding season was a combination of average, power, speed, and superb defense. His .536 slugging average was a club record and the fifth highest in the American League. His .289 average included 27 homers, 84 RBIs, 94 runs scored, and 22 stolen bases. Even though opposition baserunners know his arm is the best in the game and rarely challenge him, he still managed to gun down 22 victims in 1985! Jesse was drafted out of Joliet, Illinois, high school when he was just 17 in the Blue Jays' first season. He came to the majors in 1981.

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**POSITION:** OUTFIELD

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**BIRTHDATE:** OCTOBER 29, 1959

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**BIRTHPLACE:** JOLIET, ILLINOIS

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**THROWS:** RIGHT

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**HEIGHT:** 6-1

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## GEORGE BELL 11

**G**eorge hit several thundering home runs onto the roof and into the bleachers at Comiskey Park in Chicago last summer, placing him in the company of a handful of the game's strongest sluggers. The 1986 season will be George's third as a regular, averaging 27 homers and 91 RBIs over the last two years. The 26-year-old leftfielder hails from the Dominican Republic, and came to the Blue Jays from the Philadelphia Phillies in the major league draft of minor league players. After several injury-plagued seasons, including a broken jaw when hit by a pitch in 1982, George returned the next year, when he came to the Blue Jays to stay.

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**POSITION:** OUTFIELD

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**BIRTHDATE:** OCTOBER 21, 1959

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**BIRTHPLACE:** SAN PEDRO de MACORIS, D.R.

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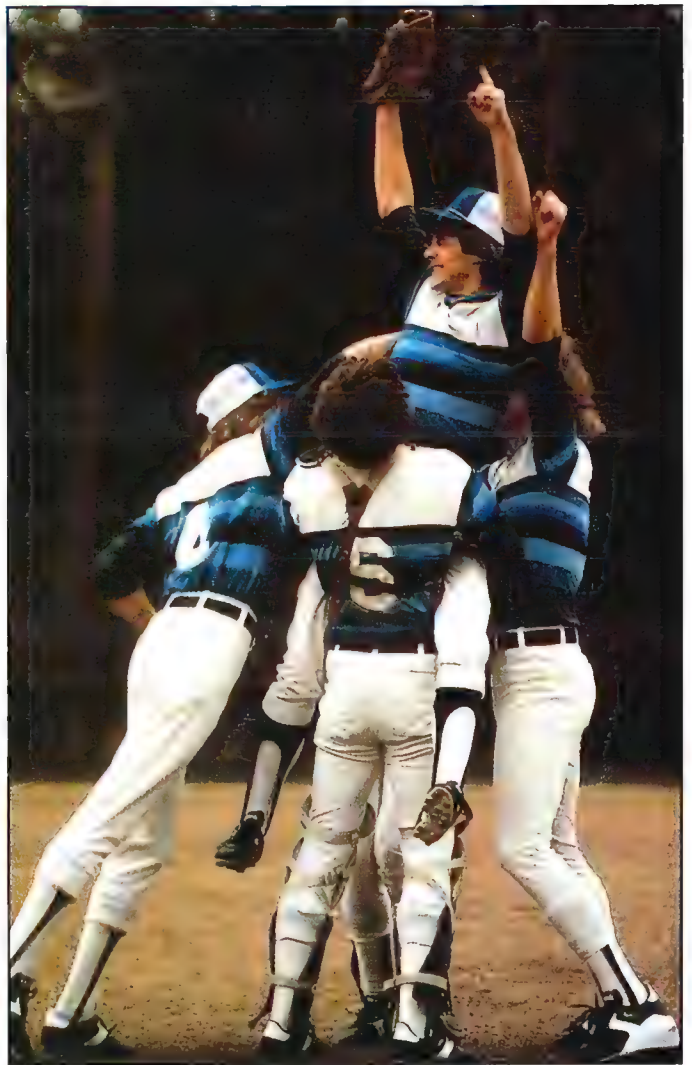


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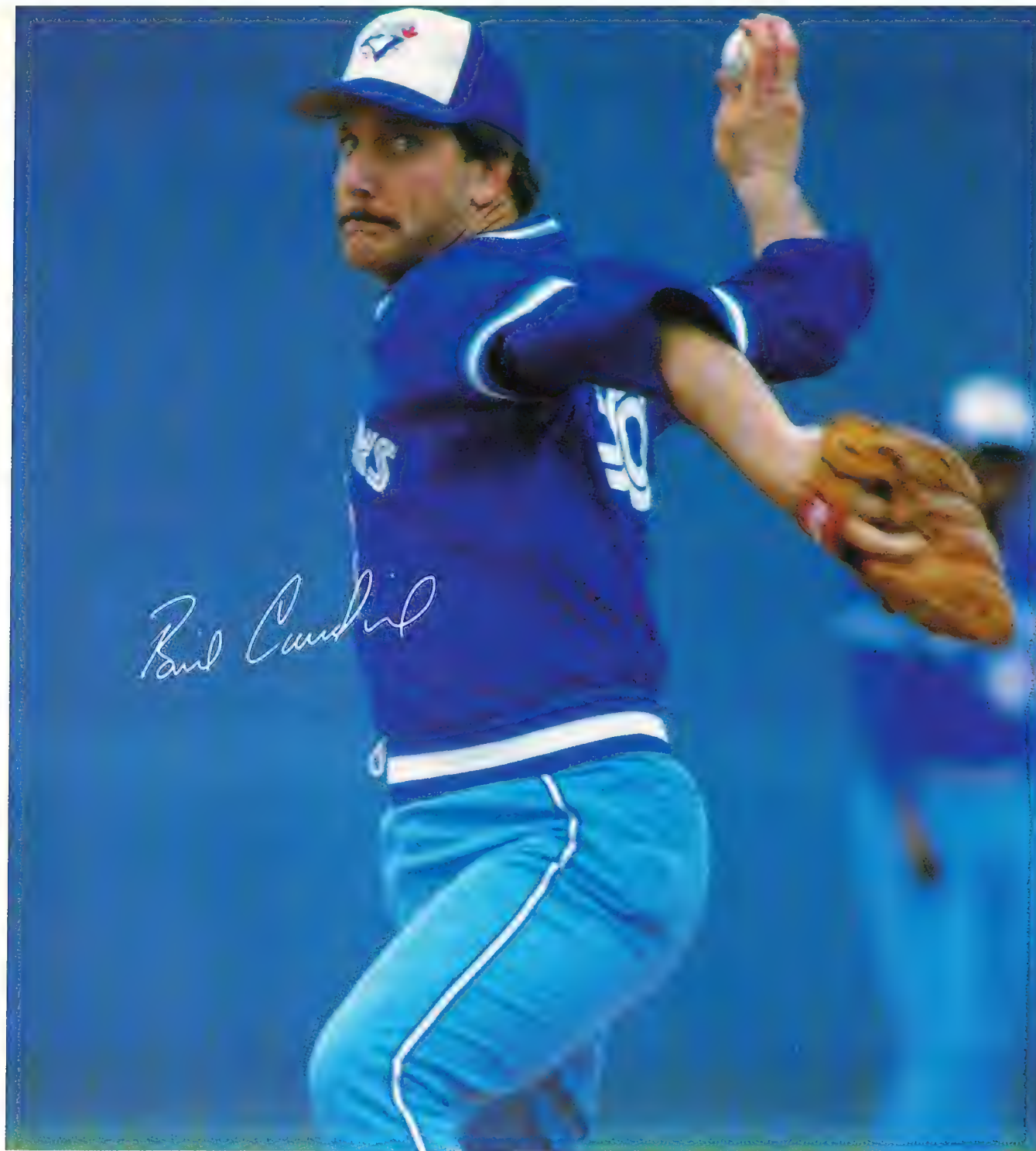


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**POSITION:** PITCHER

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**BIRTHDATE:** JULY 13, 1956

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**BIRTHPLACE:** SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

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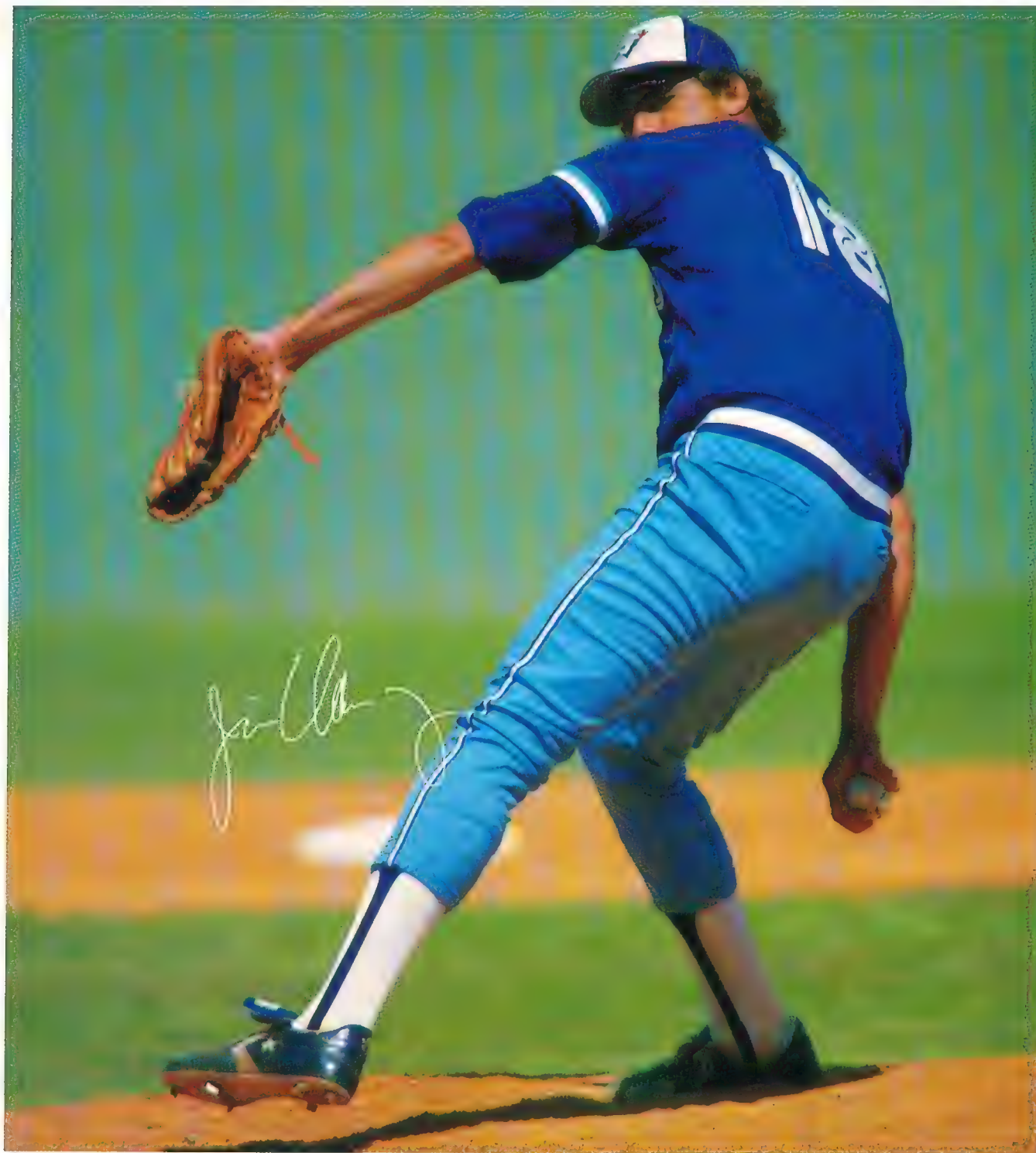
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## JIM CLANCY 18

**J**im has been a Blue Jay longer than any other player, one of only three remaining from the 1976 expansion draft, along with Ernie Whitt and Garth Iorg. Jim came up to the Blue Jays in July of 1977 from Class AA ball, when he was just 21. His best year so far was 1982, when he won 16 and appeared in the All-Star Game. Later that season, he took a perfect game into the ninth inning over Minnesota, only to lose it on a broken bat bloop single by Randy Bush. Last year, Jim was hampered by appendicitis in spring training and endured several other injuries, although he won five straight games during the brief period he was healthy.

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**POSITION:** PITCHER

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**BIRTHDATE:** DECEMBER 18, 1955

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**BIRTHPLACE:** CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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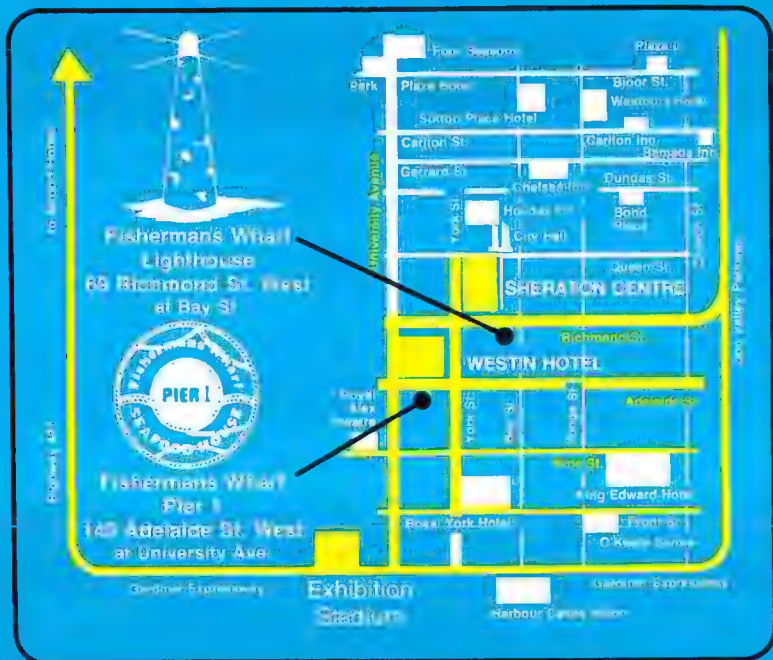
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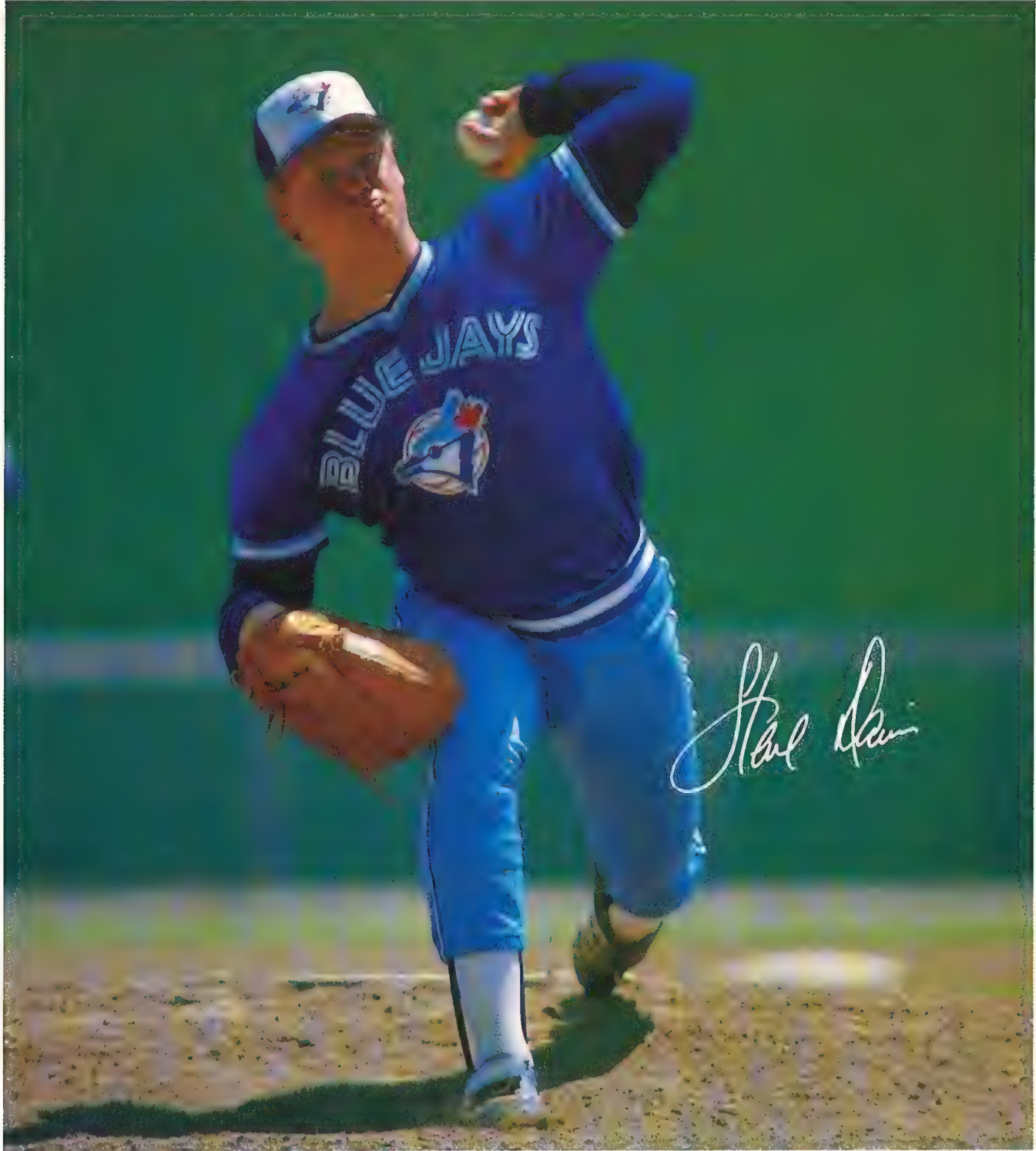


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## STEVE DAVIS 25

**S**teve's meteoric rise through the Jays' minor league system brought him to the big leagues in 1985 as the only pitcher in the history of the organization to win 20 games in a season, winning 17 at Knoxville, three at Syracuse, and two with the Blue Jays late in the season. The young left-hander's sudden rise is all the more remarkable considering that he wasn't chosen until the 21st round of the June, 1982 free agent draft, the 523rd player selected. Steve started five games and relieved in five others last year, with an ERA of just 1.00 in relief, the role in which he began 1986. Steve attended Texas A & M University, majoring in marketing.

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**POSITION:** PITCHER

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**BIRTHDATE:** AUGUST 4, 1960

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**BIRTHPLACE:** SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

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**THROWS:** LEFT

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## MARK EICHHORN 38

**T**his is Mark's second time up with the Blue Jays. He was a hard-throwing starter with the Blue Jays at the end of the 1982 season before injuries hampered his progress, causing him to spend the last three seasons between Knoxville and Syracuse. He made the Blue Jays this year as a non-roster player in spring training. Mark was eligible to become a minor league free agent, but he chose to remain with the Jays, who originally made him their second round pick in the January, 1979 draft. Mark has been a starter for nearly all his pro career and begins the 1986 season with the Jays looking for his first save at any level of baseball.

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**POSITION:** PITCHER

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**BIRTHDATE:** NOVEMBER 21, 1960

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**BIRTHPLACE:** SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

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**BATS:** RIGHT

**THROWS:** RIGHT

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**HEIGHT:** 6-3

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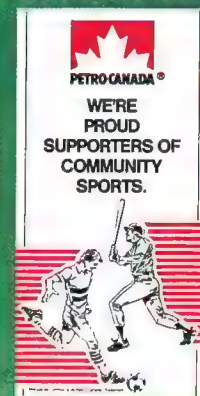


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## TONY FERNANDEZ 1

**T**he graceful 23-year-old Dominican who draws superlatives for his play at shortstop, Tony finally became the Blue Jays regular at that key position last season. He hit a solid .289, appearing in all 161 games, providing not only spectacular defense but also numerous clutch hits among his 51 RBIs. In post-season play, Tony hit .333 against Kansas City. Moved from the bottom to the top of the batting order in 1986, Tony should provide even better run production. He was the second-hardest batter on the club to strike out, fanning once in every 14 at bats. Like several other key Blue Jays, Tony hails from the Dominican Republic.

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**POSITION:** SHORTSTOP

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**BIRTHDATE:** AUGUST 6, 1962

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**BIRTHPLACE:** SAN PEDRO de MACORIS, D.R.

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**BATS:** BOTH

**THROWS:** RIGHT

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**HEIGHT:** 6-2

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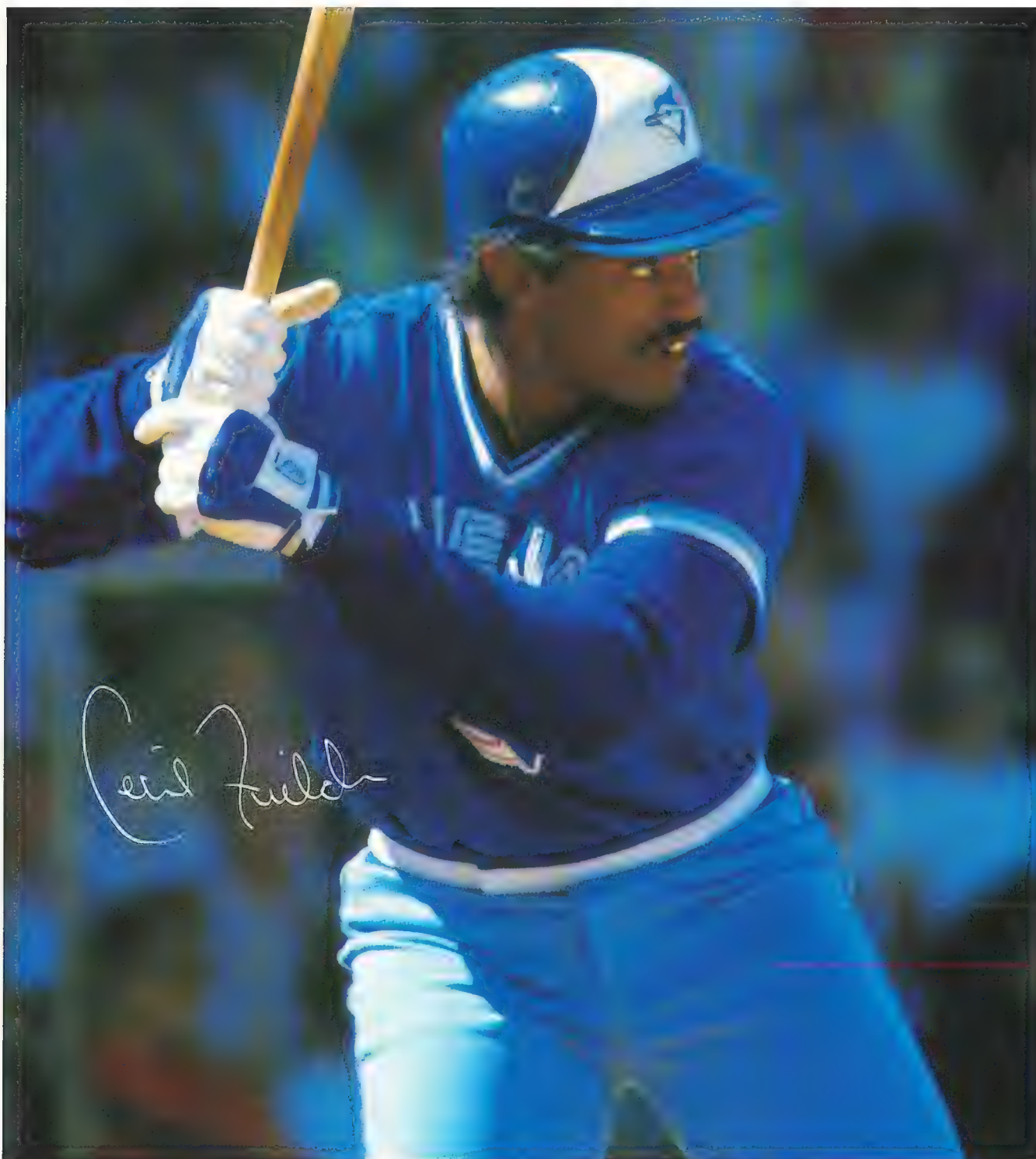
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## CECIL FIELDER 23

**C**ecil made the big jump from Class AA after hitting 18 homers and driving in 81 runs in just half a season at Knoxville last year. In 30 games with the big league Blue Jays, the 22-year-old first baseman batted .311. He slugged his way onto the team in spring training this year and started the season as a designated hitter. Cecil came to the Blue Jays in 1983 and spent the season in Class A ball, hitting .312 at Florence. In 1984, he hit a combined 28 homers and 93 RBIs as he moved up to Class AA at Knoxville. He's hit 62 homers in the minors in the last two and a half years. The California native is married and has a young son named Prince.

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**POSITION:** DESIGNATED HITTER

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**BIRTHDATE:** SEPTEMBER 21, 1963

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**BIRTHPLACE:** LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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**BATS:** RIGHT

**THROWS:** RIGHT

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**HEIGHT:** 6-3

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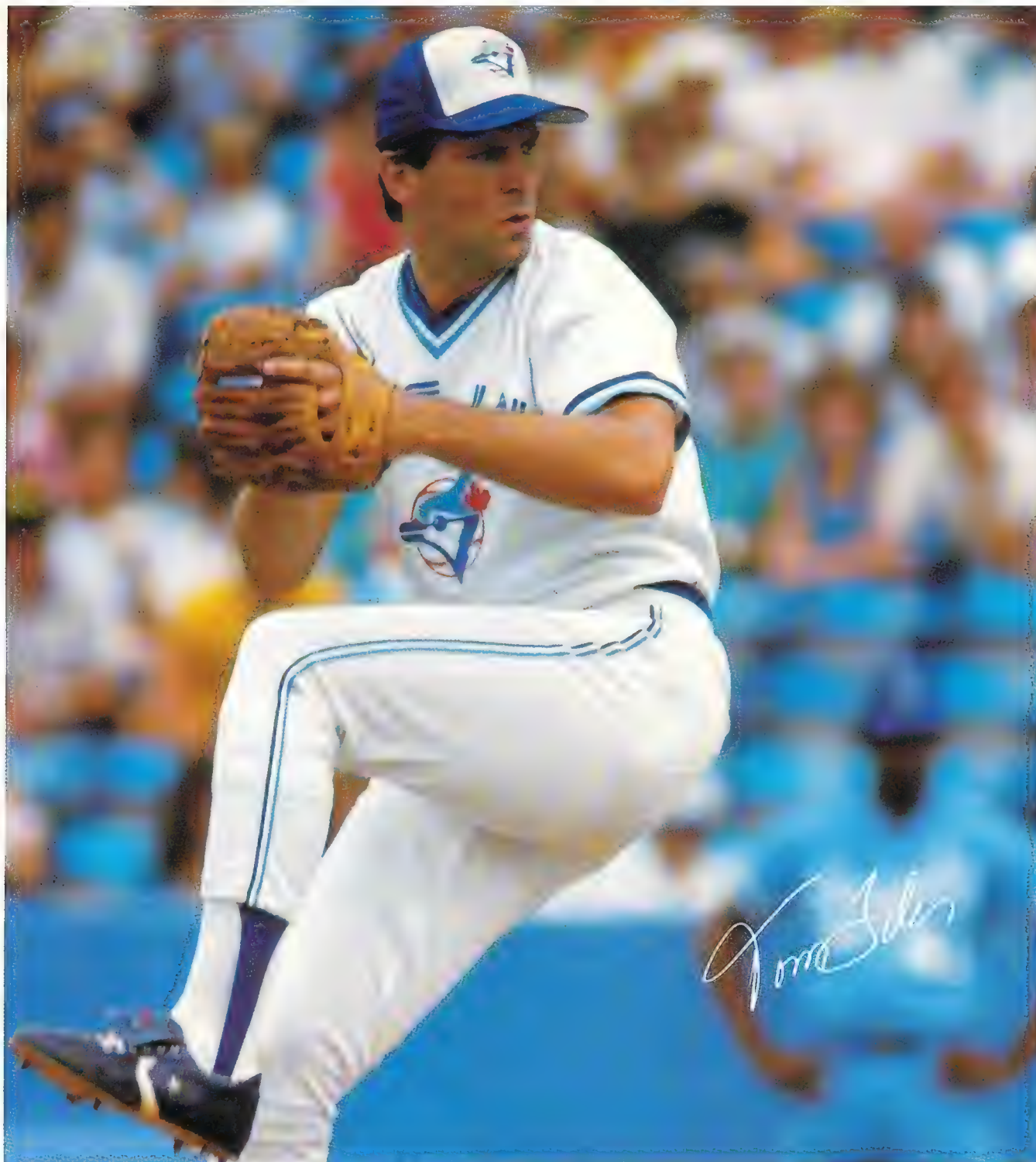
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## TOM FILER 49

**T**om joined the starting rotation in July after the Jays sent down Luis Leal and he went on to a perfect 7-0 record. An elbow injury which bothered him all year ended his season in late September and kept him out of post-season play. He underwent an operation this spring, which means the talented right-hander will be lost to the team for the entire 1986 season. Signed as a free agent after being released by the Chicago Cubs in 1984, Tom's only other major league experience in eight pro seasons was 1982. That season, when he went 1-2 in eight games, marks his last major league defeat. The Jays hope he will be ready for 1987.

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**POSITION:** PITCHER

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**BIRTHDATE:** DECEMBER 1, 1956

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**BIRTHPLACE:** PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

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## DAMASO GARCIA 7

**T**he senior member of the Jays' Dominican contingent, Damaso has been the team's regular second baseman since 1980, when he was acquired in a trade with the New York Yankees. In his six seasons, Damaso has been a catalyst on the offense, averaging .289 with 80 runs scored and 31 stolen bases a year. His best year was 1982, when he was sixth in the league with a .310 average, 54 stolen bases (second only to Rickey Henderson), and 89 runs scored. He was named the Blue Jays' Player of the Year. Last year, Damaso was given the prestigious Roberto Clemente Award, perpetuating the memory of the first Latin Hall-of-Famer.

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**POSITION:** SECOND BASE

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**BIRTHDATE:** FEBRUARY 7, 1957

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**BIRTHPLACE:** SAN PEDRO de MACORIS, D.R.

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**HEIGHT:** 6-0

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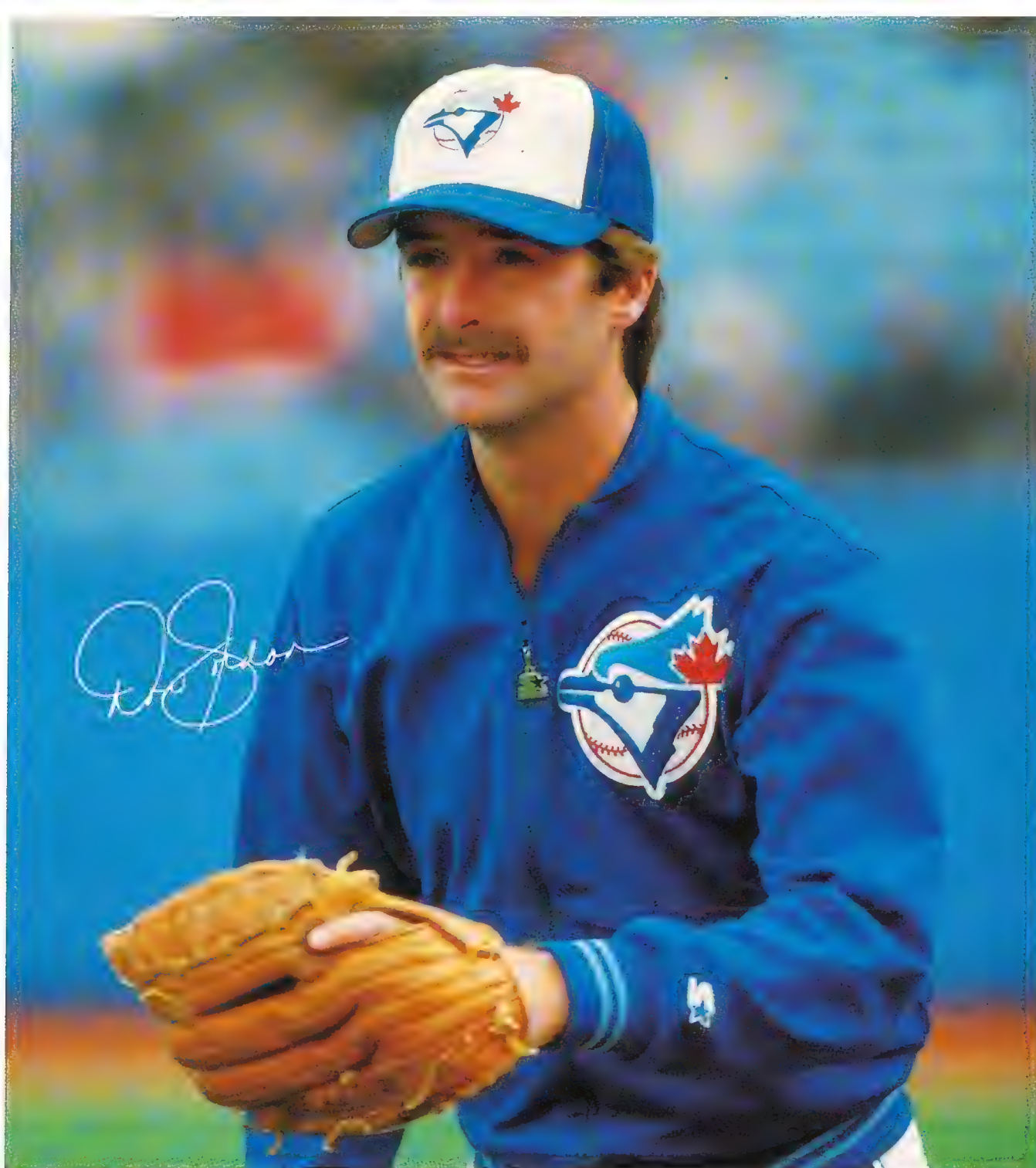
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## DON GORDON 39

**D**on made the Blue Jays after a fine spring training and a superb 1985 season at Syracuse, where he teamed with Tom Henke to give the Chiefs an exceptional bullpen. He took over as the club's relief ace after Tom was called up to the Blue Jays in July and, in his first season at Class AAA, posted 12 saves and a 8-5 record with a stingy 2.07 earned-run average. Don was signed by the Blue Jays in June of 1984 after being cut loose from the Detroit Tigers minor league system. In 321 innings as a pro, he's walked only 79 batters over four years. In 1981 and 1982, he led the University of South Carolina team into the College World Series.

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**POSITION:** PITCHER

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**BIRTHDATE:** OCTOBER 10, 1959

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**BIRTHPLACE:** NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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## KELLY GRUBER 17

**A** versatile athlete, Kelly may be found at any of the infield or outfield positions as well as pinch-hitting this season. In spring training, he even worked out as a catcher. The 24 year-old Texan was originally drafted as a shortstop by the Cleveland Indians in 1980, but was claimed by the Blue Jays after the 1983 season. The Jays were able to send him to Syracuse for 1984 and 1985, where he hit 21 homers each year and became the International League all-star third baseman. Kelly spent the last two Septembers with the Blue Jays as a defensive replacement, and his first major league hit was a pinch-hit home run in Boston's Fenway Park.

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**POSITION:** INFIELDER

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**BIRTHDATE:** FEBRUARY 26, 1962

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**BIRTHPLACE:** BELLAIRE, TEXAS

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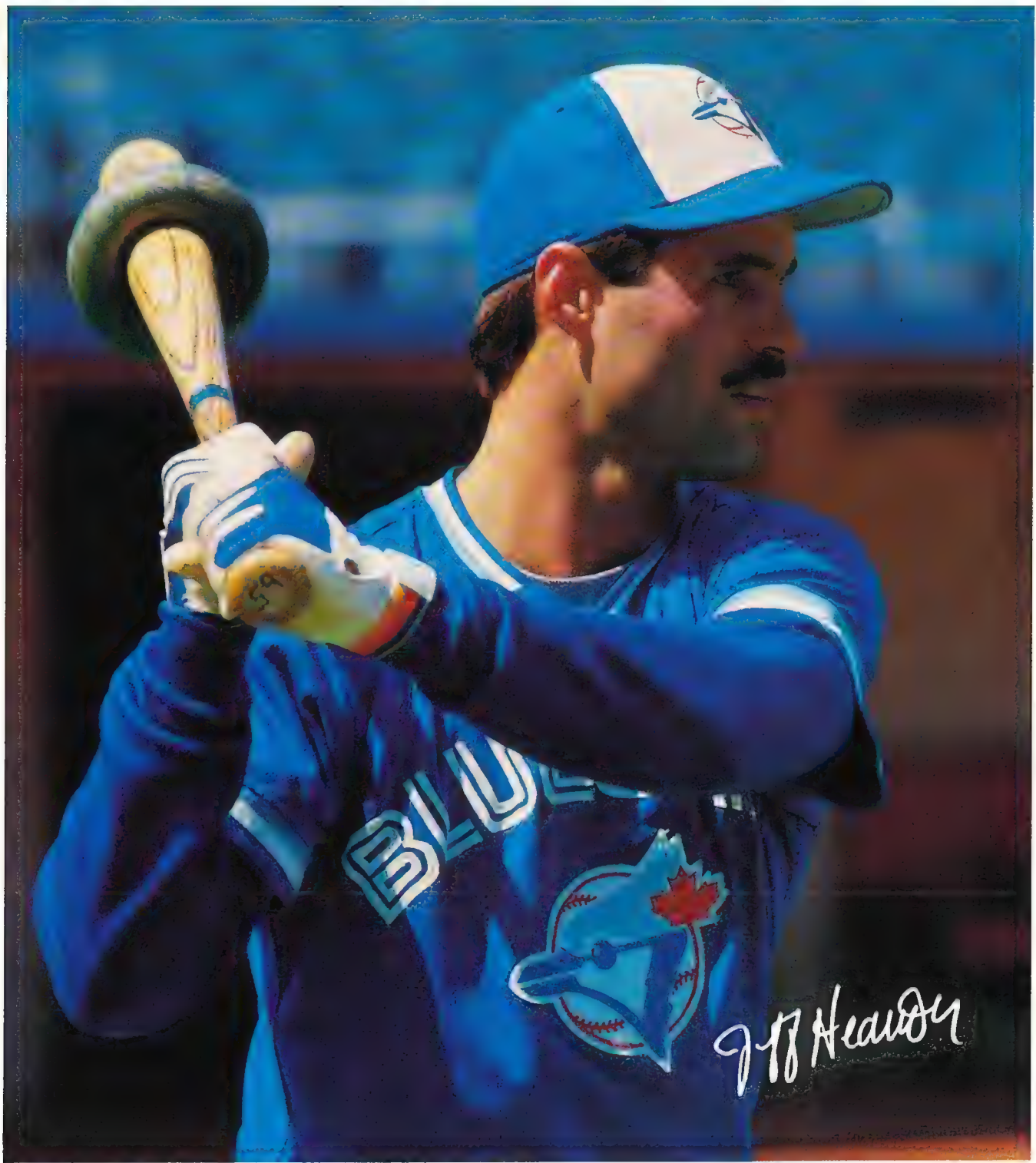
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**POSITION:** CATCHER

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**BIRTHDATE:** NOVEMBER 19, 1961

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**BIRTHPLACE:** LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

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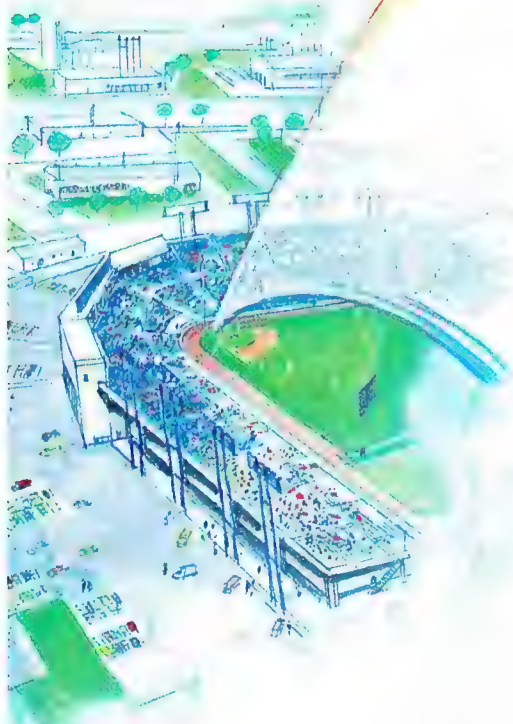
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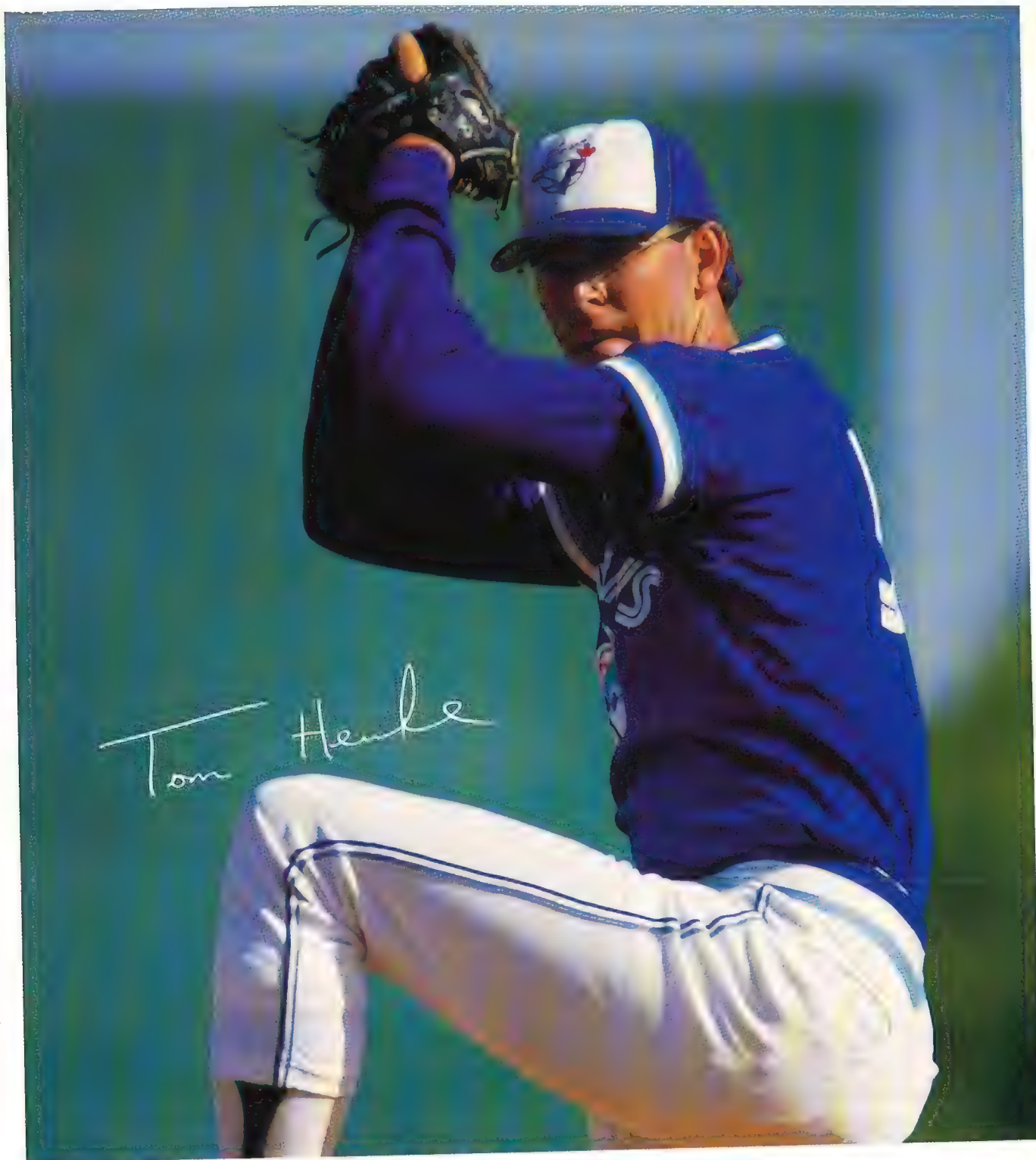
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## TOM HENKE 50

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**POSITION:** PITCHER

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**BIRTHDATE:** DECEMBER 21, 1957

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**BIRTHPLACE:** KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

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**BATS:** RIGHT

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**HEIGHT:** 6-5

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## GARTH IORG 16

**G**arth enjoyed one of his finest seasons of his six with the Blue Jays last year, leading the club in batting with a .313 average and ranking third in slugging (.469) and on-base percentage (.359). Garth was a clutch hitter in the September pennant drive, batting .342 with four of his seven homers in the last month of the season and a .589 slugging percentage, despite moving out of the platoon situation and batting against right-handers as well as lefties. Garth came to the Blue Jays in the 1976 expansion draft from Class AA after originally signing as New York Yankees draft pick in 1973. He made the big leagues to stay in 1980.

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**POSITION:** THIRD BASE

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**BIRTHDATE:** OCTOBER 12, 1954

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**BIRTHPLACE:** ARCATA, CALIFORNIA

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**BATS:** RIGHT

**THROWS:** RIGHT

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**HEIGHT:** 5-11

**WEIGHT:** 165

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**POSITION:** DESIGNATED HITTER

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**BIRTHDATE:** JULY 22, 1947

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**BIRTHPLACE:** SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

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**BATS:** RIGHT

**THROWS:** RIGHT

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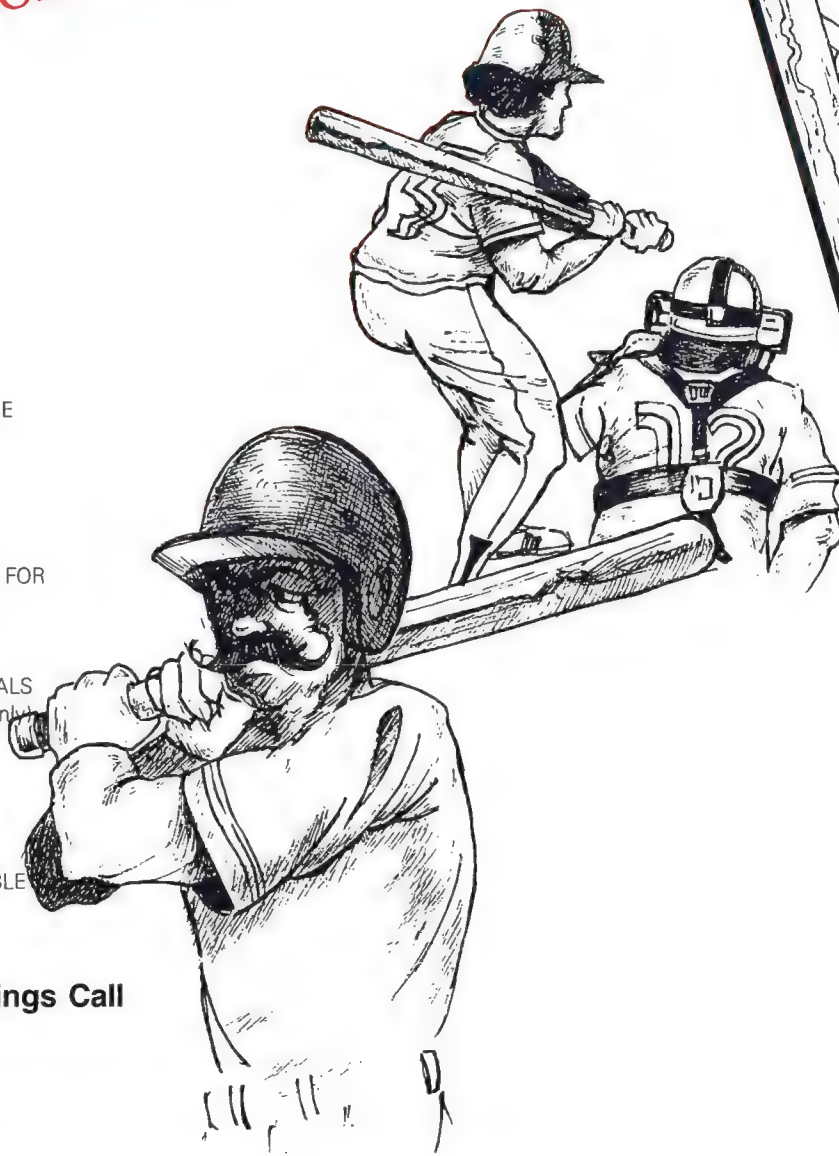




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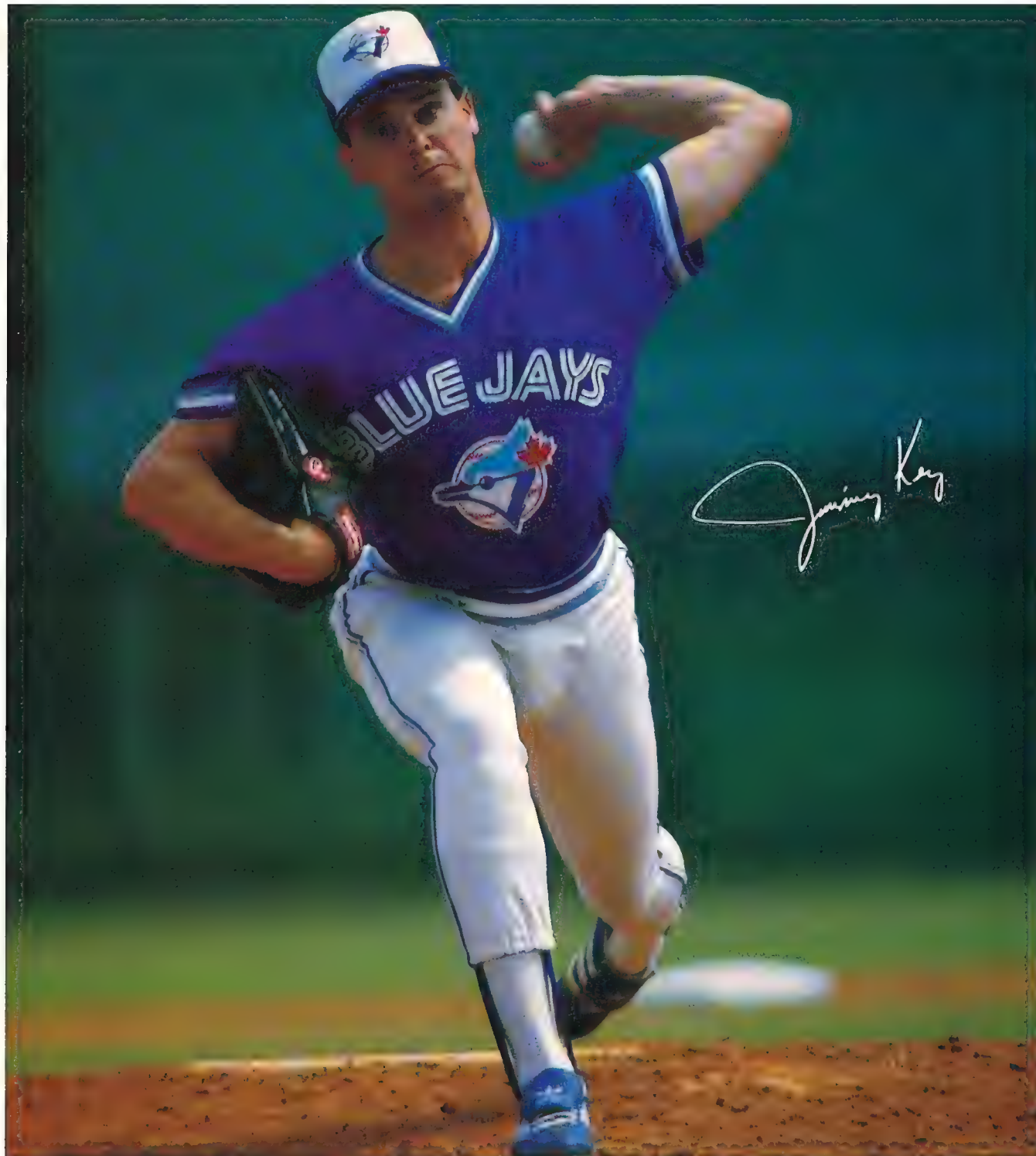
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**POSITION:** PITCHER

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**BIRTHDATE:** APRIL 22, 1961

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**BIRTHPLACE:** HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

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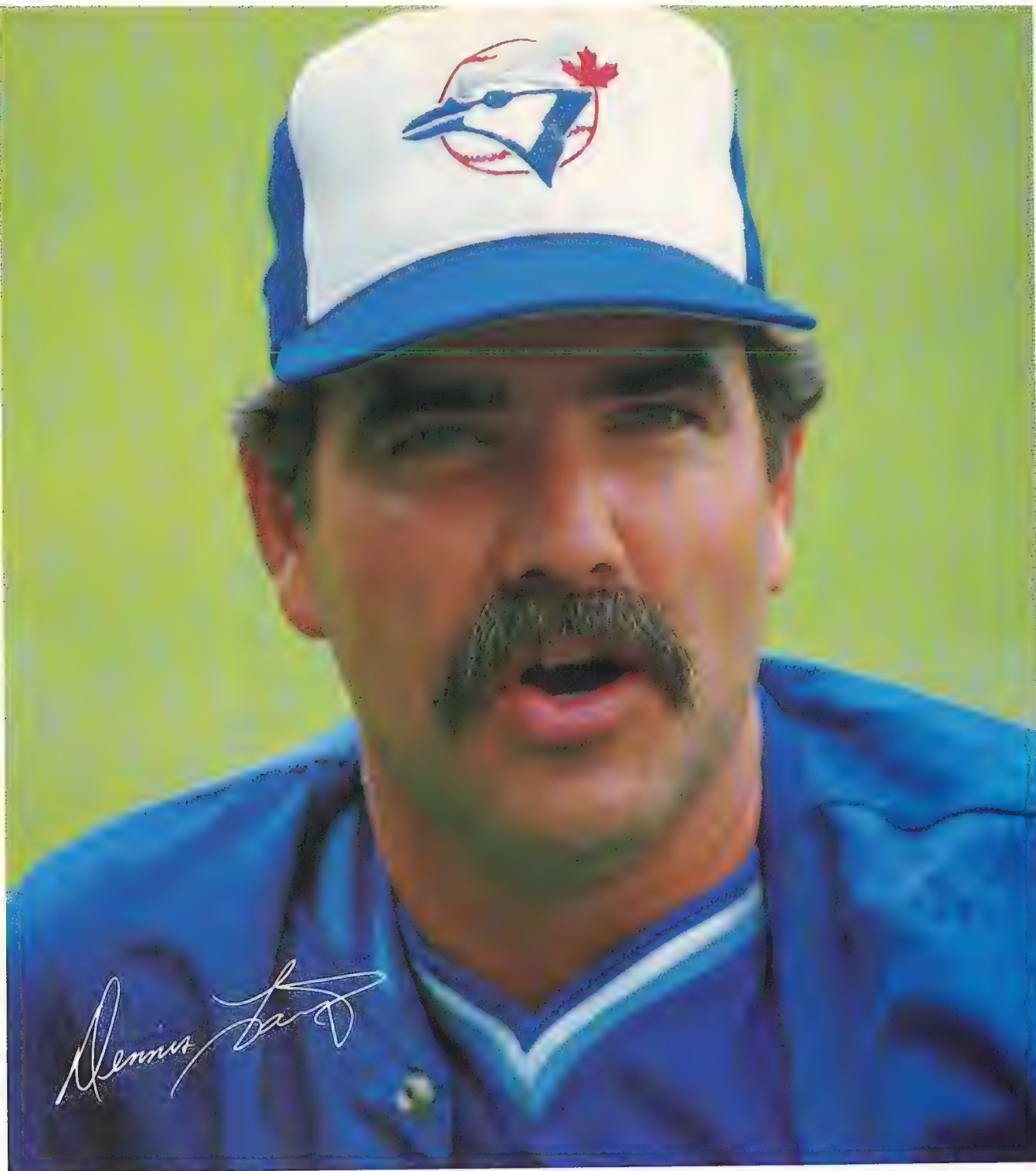


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**POSITION:** PITCHER

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**BIRTHDATE:** SEPTEMBER 23, 1952

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**BIRTHPLACE:** LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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**BATS:** RIGHT

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**HEIGHT:** 6-3

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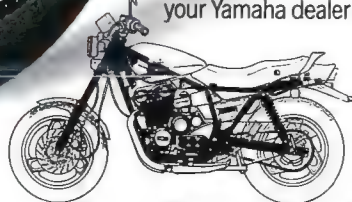
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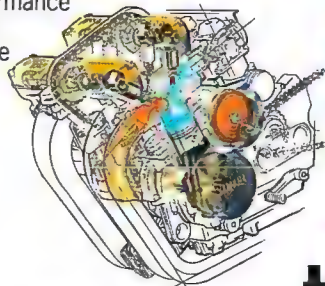
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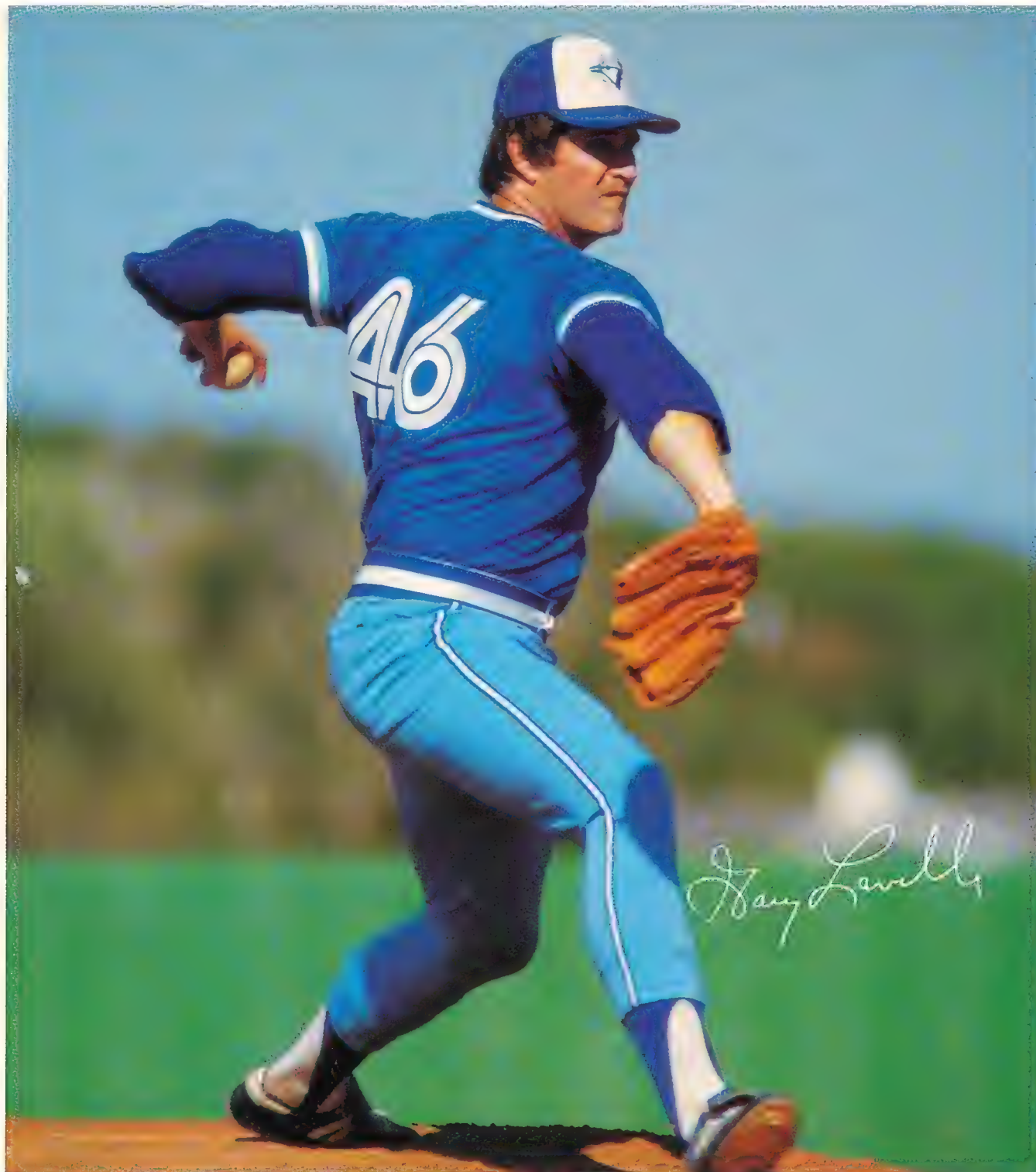
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**POSITION:** PITCHER

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**BIRTHDATE:** JANUARY 3, 1949

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**BIRTHPLACE:** SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

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**THROWS:** LEFT

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**HEIGHT:** 6-1

**WEIGHT:** 200

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## RICK LEACH 9

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**POSITION:** OUTFIELD

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**BIRTHDATE:** MAY 4, 1957

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**BIRTHPLACE:** ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

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**BATS:** LEFT      **THROWS:** LEFT

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**HEIGHT:** 6-0      **WEIGHT:** 195

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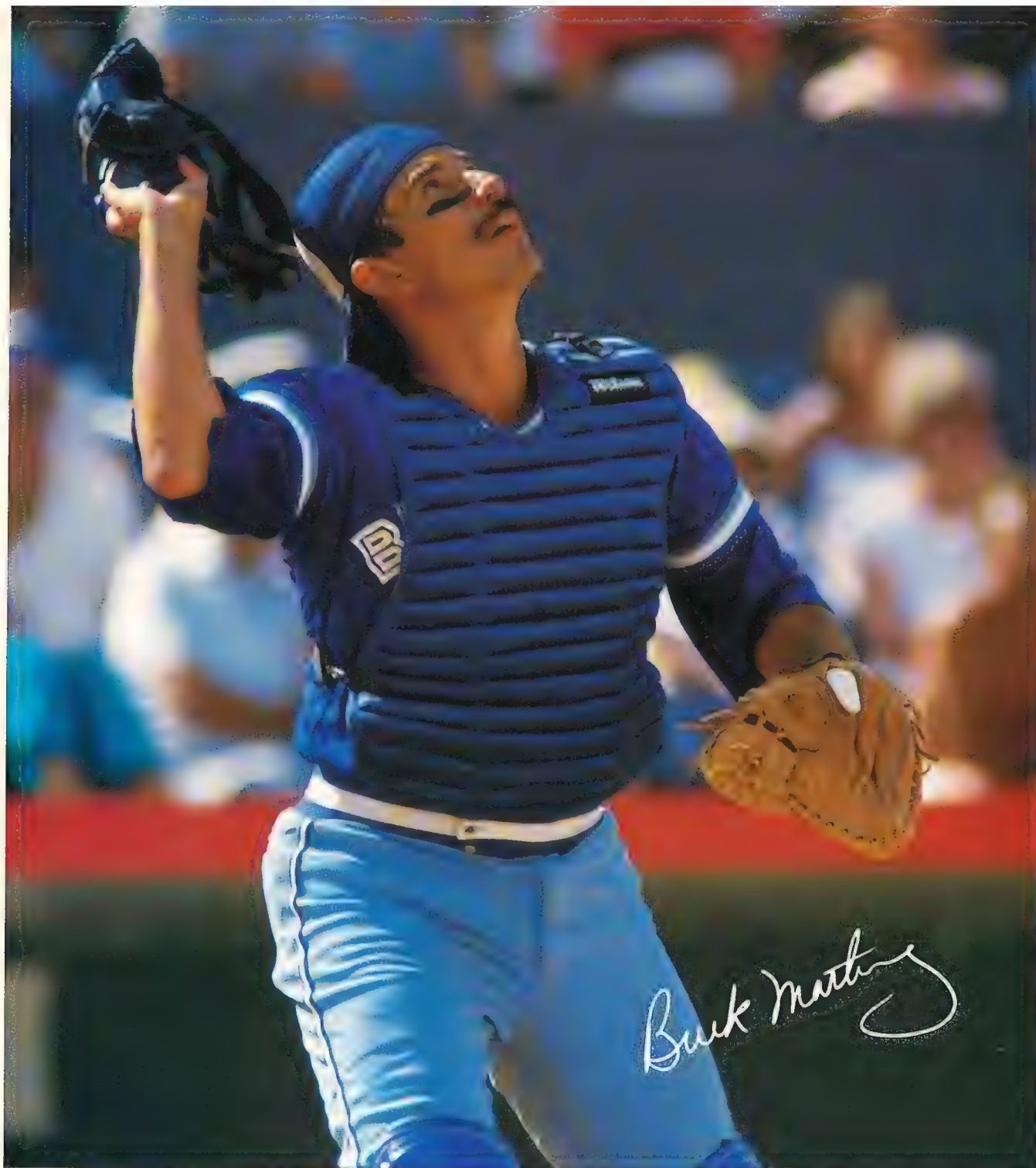
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*Buck Martinez*

## BUCK MARTINEZ 13

**B**uck's presence in uniform this season caps a remarkable and courageous comeback from a potential career-ending injury suffered in a spectacular home plate collision with Seattle's Phil Bradley last July. Although Buck suffered a dislocated ankle and broken leg, he still managed to tag out two runners at the plate on the same play, one of the most exciting in team history. Buck entered pro ball in 1967, the same year as Cliff Johnson, and came to the Blue Jays from Milwaukee in 1981. Since then, the veteran receiver has platooned with Ernie Whitt to give the Jays solid offense and outstanding defense behind the plate.

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**POSITION:** CATCHER

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**BIRTHDATE:** NOVEMBER 7, 1948

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**BIRTHPLACE:** REDDING, CALIFORNIA

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**BATS:** RIGHT

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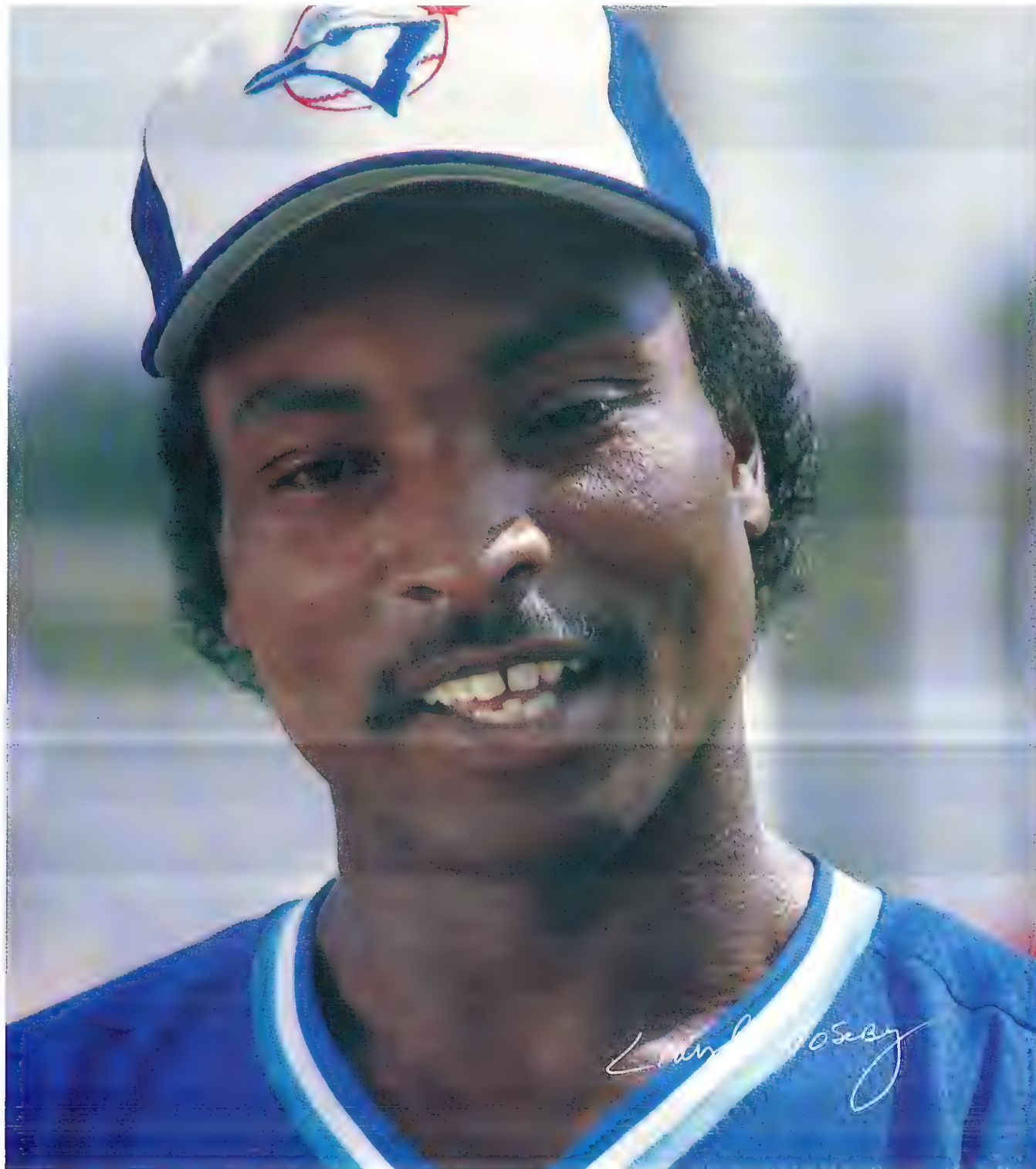
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## LLOYD MOSEBY 15

**L**loyd slugged at a .526 clip with eight homers in the final month of the season to spur the Jays' pennant drive, last year. He then went on to lead the club with five runs scored against the Royals in post-season play. Just 26, "the Shaker" is already the veteran of the young Jays' outfield in his sixth season. He was just 18 years old when the Blue Jays made him their first-ever number one draft pick in 1978, the second player chosen overall after Atlanta took Bob Horner. He grew up as a boyhood pal of his Yankee counterpart, Rickey Henderson, and the pair have been friendly rivals since their days on Oakland playgrounds.

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**POSITION:** OUTFIELD

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**BIRTHDATE:** NOVEMBER 5, 1959

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**BIRTHPLACE:** PORTLAND, ARKANSAS

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**BATS:** LEFT

**THROWS:** LEFT

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**HEIGHT:** 6-3

**WEIGHT:** 200

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## RANCE MULLINIKS 5

**R**ance hit .381 with runners in scoring position last year, the best mark on the team. In the last two years, he's had the second and fourth highest figures in the entire league, indicating his outstanding clutch hitting ability. Over the last two seasons, Rance has averaged .309 and totalled 13 homers with 98 RBIs, in just over 700 at bats. His RBI totals have improved steadily since joining the Jays in 1982, reaching a career high 56 last year. As a pinch-hitter, Rance hit .421 with a homer and seven RBIs, the best mark on the club. He came to Blue Jays in spring training of 1982 from Kansas City in exchange for pitcher Phil Huffman.

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**POSITION:** THIRD BASE

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**BIRTHDATE:** JANUARY 15, 1956

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**BIRTHPLACE:** TULARE, CALIFORNIA

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**BATS:** LEFT

**THROWS:** RIGHT

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**HEIGHT:** 6-0

**WEIGHT:** 170

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**POSITION:** PITCHER

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**BIRTHDATE:** JULY 22, 1957

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**BIRTHPLACE:** SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

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## WILLIE UPSHAW 26

**A**fter a slow start in 1985, Willie hit a torrid .354 after the All-Star break, and his .554 slugging percentage in the final month of the season boosted the Jays' pennant drive. In his six seasons with the Blue Jays, Willie has averaged .292 at home. His finest season was 1983, when he hit .306 with 27 homers and a club-record 104 RBIs. Willie joined the Blue Jays in 1978, when he was just 21, and spent the entire season on the big league roster after being taken in the major league draft, from the New York Yankees, where he was signed by Pat Gillick. His first major league home run came off Yankee ace Goose Gossage that year.

**POSITION:** FIRST BASE

**BIRTHDATE:** APRIL 27, 1957

**BIRTHPLACE:** BLANCO, TEXAS

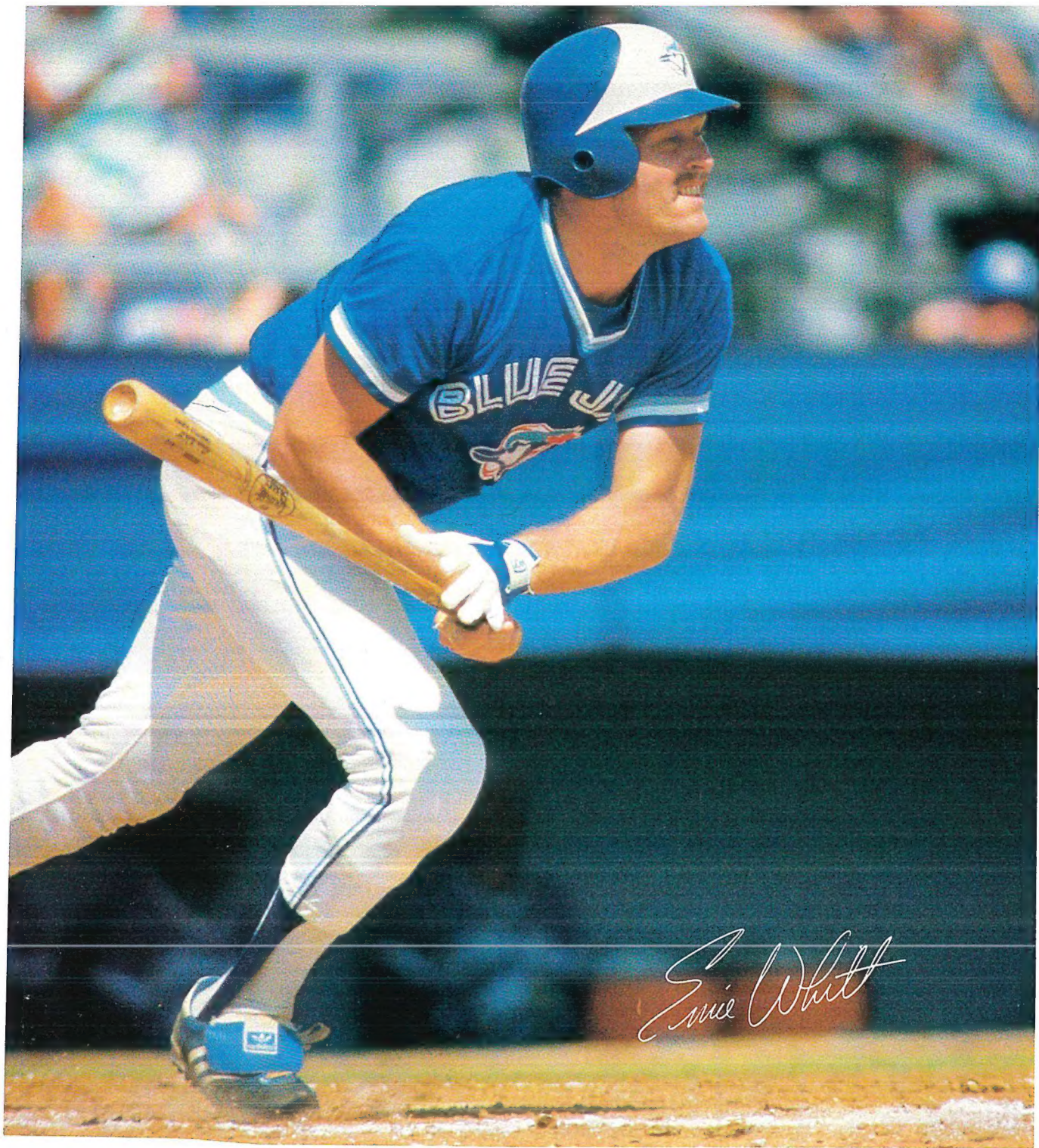
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**WEIGHT:** 185





## ERNIE WHITT 12

**E**rne took over the heavy fulltime catching workload after Buck Martinez was lost for the season last July. He enjoyed his best season ever, with 19 homers and 64 RBIs, and making his first appearance in the All-Star Game. Ernie started 27 of the Blue Jays' last 29 games, many of them with an injured shoulder which kept his statistics from accurately reflecting the solid year he enjoyed with the bat and behind the plate. The 33-year-old Detroit native has appeared in an average of 125 games a year for the last four seasons reaching career highs in most categories last year. He has hit 17 of his 70 career home runs against the Tigers.

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**POSITION:** CATCHER

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**BIRTHDATE:** JUNE 13, 1952

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**BIRTHPLACE:** DETROIT, MICHIGAN

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**BATS:** LEFT

**THROWS:** RIGHT

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**HEIGHT:** 6-2

**WEIGHT:** 200

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